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A SEMI-SECRET society whose founder believes America is being sold out to the Communists is finding some prominent adherents in Louisville.

While the John Birch Society shuns publicity, its leaders will talk. But they won't tell who their members are.

The society is the creation of Robert Welch of Boston, who has written, "We are out to get a million members truly dedicated to the things in which we believe."

Here are some of the things which Welch believes:

1. The international Communist conspiracy now reaches "into all of the legislative halls, all of the union labor meetings, a majority of the religious gatherings, and most of the schools of the whole world." (Italics his.)

2. "If and when we can reach the point of turning just the American Government from actively helping the Communist conspiracy everywhere in the world, we shall have won a most important battle in the war ahead."

3. Indian Prime Minister Nehru and Egyptian President Nasser are puppets of the Kremlin.

4. Cuban Premier Fidel Castro is a Communist. (Welch wrote this in 1958 before Castro overthrew Fulgencio Batista.)

5. "Civil rights" is a Communist slogan.

6. Our foreign-aid program was planned by Communists to weaken our economy.

7. Some Protestant ministers preach outright communism.

#### Says A.M.A. 'Took'

8. "The American Medical Association has now been 'took,' to the extent that we could not count on any direct help there."

9. Hitler was preferable to Stalin because, when they liquidated people, Hitler's conscience bothered him about it, but Stalin's did not. Hitler was immoral, Stalin amoral.

10. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and General George C. Marshall were guilty of "plain unadulterated treason" in getting the United States into World War II.

11. F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover should have been promoted to Attorney General.

12. United Nations Secretary-General

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By ROBERT HERMANN  
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Dag Hammarskjold "is one of the most contemptible agents of the Kremlin ever to be supported by the American taxpayers."

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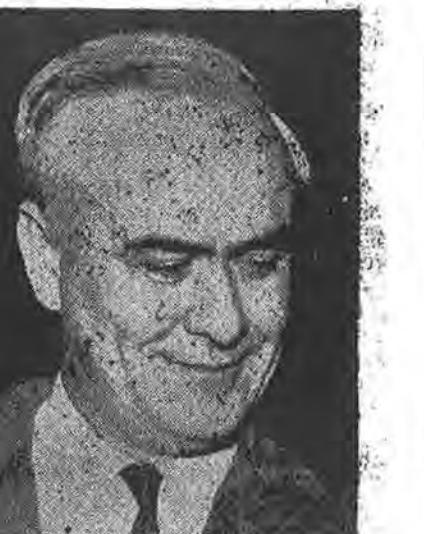
nett Magruder, executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches.

✓ Shirley Palmer-Ball, 30-year-old vice-president and general manager of the Palmer Asbestos & Rubber Company in St. Matthews, heads a John Birch chapter of 20 to 30 members here. He was appointed to his position around the first of the year, he said.

The leader of another chapter here is architect W. Earle Otis, former chairman of the Jefferson County Municipal



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'Part of the rising tide . . .'

treme statements, admittedly ripped out of context. A Louisville member of the John Birch Society commented about one of Welch's assertions, "I think it's probably stated a little blunter than he really means it."

That comment came from S. Rayburn Watkins, executive vice-president of Associated Industries of Kentucky. Another well-known member here is Dr. N. Bur-

Conference. Otis wouldn't say anything about the number of his members, who they are, or when his group was formed.

"We don't seek publicity," Otis said. "In fact, we try to avoid publicity. We have nothing to hide except the names and number of our members."

Welch, the society founder, reminisced members in the society's October bulletin that the society is not secret. He com-



"We avoid general publicity as well as we can. But the background, methods, purposes and beliefs of the John Birch Society are all set forth in its Blue Book, which anybody can purchase; and in our tape recordings, films, and the speeches of our (regional) co-ordinators and myself, which many thousands now hear every month."

#### National Council

On the national council of the society are such names as Spruille Braden, former assistant secretary of state; Col. Laurence B. Bunker, former personal aide to General Douglas MacArthur; T. Coleman Andrews, former commissioner of Internal Revenue; former Dean Clarence Manion of the Notre Dame Law School; actor Adolphe Menjou, and William J. Grede, Cola G. Parker and Ernest G. Swigert, all former presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The late Alfred Kohlberg, militant foe of Red China and communism in general, was a charter council member. Also on the council is Louis Rutherford, a native of Louisville and long-time president of Sevel, Inc., at Evansville, Ind.

The John Birch Society dates back to a day in 1958 when Robert Welch assembled about a dozen persons from around the country in an Indianapolis hotel and lectured them for the better part of two days on the threats to American freedom and what could be done about them. He offered "dynamic leadership" to meet these threats.

A transcript of his lecture forms the society's "Blue Book," which with the society bulletins and Welch's periodical American Opinion give ample evidence of his conservative views.

#### Welch's Thesis

Welch's basic thesis is that the United States is rapidly being converted, by Communist design, into a socialist state which is giving up its sovereignty to the United Nations and will soon be ripe for painless merger with the Soviet Union.

Most of the governmental developments of the last 30 years have been part of this design, Welch believes. He would wipe out such things as Social Security, the graduated federal income tax, diplomatic recognition of Soviet Russia, federal budget deficits, inflation, and big government.

Government is intrinsically evil, he believes. If he had his choice between a government made up of 300,000 thieves and 3,000,000 honest men, he would take

W. Earle Otis  
*'Nothing to hide except . . .'*

the 300,000 thieves on the ground that they could do less damage.

*The John Birch Society's goal, said Welch, is "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."*

Welch considers Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona the best conservative leader on the political scene.

Former Vice-president Nixon, he wrote in 1958, was "one of the ablest, shrewdest, most disingenuous, and slipperiest politicians that ever showed up" and has "never been a leader in connection with any development, or at any stage in his career."

#### Blames Churches

Welch sees loss of faith in God and man as a cause of our problems, and says one-third of Protestant churches contribute to this loss of faith. The society is named for John Birch, "a young fundamentalist Baptist missionary-preacher from Macon, Ga., who did as much as any other one man, high or low, to win our war and the Chinese war against the Japanese in China, (and) was murdered by the Chinese Communists at the first opportunity after the war because of the powerful resistance he would have been able to inspire against them."

Welch is a North Carolina native who became a Massachusetts candy-manufacturing executive, and in 1957 gave up most of his regular work to devote full time to the anti-Communist fight.

*Welch considers himself an expert at spotting secret Communists. He points out that his conclusions many times have tallied with those of J. B. Matthews, former chief investigator for the late Senator Joseph A. McGrath.*

Here in Louisville Shirley Palmer-Ball and W. Earle Otis, chapter heads, deny that the society is a "hate group." They say it steers clear of racial and religious controversies. It is, said Palmer-Ball, a sort of "middle-of-the-road right-wing group."

Otis said he didn't foresee any exposures of secret Communists in Louisville.

While every known Louisville member insisted on his right to disagree with Welch on details, each of them expressed approval of his general approach.

Welch makes clear in the Blue Book that there is little or no room for dissent in the society. He says:

"... we are not going to be in the position of having the society's work weakened by raging debates. We are not going to have factions developing on the



> Shirley Palmer-Ball  
'Not a hate group'

two-sides-to-every question theme. Those members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out before they build up any splintering following of their own inside the Society. . . . Whenever differences of opinion become translated into a lack of loyal support, we shall have short cuts for eliminating both without going through any congress of so-called democratic processes."

Chapter leaders are appointed from headquarters, not elected. Chapters are supposed to have two meetings a month, to one of which visitors are invited.

Rayburn Watkins calls the society "more or less a conservative discussion and action group." The "action" apparently consists mostly of writing letters to congressmen and newspapers.

Watkins said he thinks Welch is absolutely right about the extent of Communism infiltration. He believes people in all walks of life—and in high places, too—are doing what the Communists want done without being aware of it.

He favors repeal of the federal income tax or at least ~~get rid of~~ graduated feature.

#### Less Articulate

✓ Palmer-Ball, a native Louisvillian and the youngest of seven brothers, was less articulate than Watkins about his political beliefs. To some questions he replied, "I don't know as much about that as I should."

He said he got interested in the John Birch Society through its ~~representative~~ in Nashville and was appointed a chapter leader about the first of the year. The chapter meets on his call.

Otis, the other known chapter leader here, said, "I am in sympathy with the aims and purposes of the society and I think it's a very necessary and a very timely thing."

Hate, said the veteran architect, "has no place in our organization at all. We're not out to hate anybody."

✓ He defined his goals as "constitutional government and decentralization of power and authority. One of our primary aims is less government."

Dr. Magruder stirred a vigorous controversy here last March with a statement, made during an interview, that the Protestant clergy is infected with Marxist thinking. So he preferred to answer questions about the John Birch Society in writing.

"The John Birch Society," he wrote, "is part of the rising tide of American and Christian reaction to the Communist menace and is part of a movement which will eventually attract support from every segment of the American people."

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Enclosed are two copies of articles appearing in the 2/19/61 and 2/20/61 issues of the Courier-Journal, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Louisville, Kentucky, relating to the captioned society.

It is observed the enclosed articles reflect the captioned society was started by ROBERT WELCH of Boston, Massachusetts. Information concerning ROBERT WELCH is set forth in SAC Letter 69-13 (F), in which the Bureau requests that any activity of WELCH's coming to the attention of a field office should be brought to the attention of the Bureau.

This Division is conducting no investigation in connection with the captioned matter, but the Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent data received.

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## 'Moral Side' Speakers See Danger In Ultraconservative Group Here

The philosophy of the highly conservative John Birch Society presents definite dangers to democratic society, four clergymen agreed last night.

The four, panelists on the WHAS "Moral Side of the News" program, took the Birch organization to task for what they called lack of faith in human nature, a libel on the American people, instilling fear of discussion of issues, and an effort to turn back the clock 100 years.

The head of one Birch chapter here, Shirley Palmer-Ball, said today that the clergy panel "formed their opinion with very little information . . . They have not taken sufficient time to study."

### True Meaning Lost

The "Moral Side" discussion followed publication of an article in Sunday's Courier-Journal describing the organization.

Palmer-Ball said statements by his group's founder as carried in the story were admittedly ripped from context, and, "The true meaning of the statements was lost in many instances."

Those on the WHAS panel were the Rev. Paul Stauffer, minister of First Christian Church; the Rev. Olof Ander-

son, Jr., executive secretary of the Louisville Presbytery; the Rev. John Loftus, dean of Bellarmine College, and Rabbi Jacob J. Gittleman of Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

### See Shameful Degradation

Father Loftus said the society's philosophy indicated a shameful degradation of human nature.

There is, he said, "a perverted sincerity (which) . . . seems to take away the moral sense of respect for another person or another's views."

The Birch society is dedicated to "less government, more responsibility and a better world" according to its pronouncements.

we give our country back to King George?"

Mr. Anderson said he did not see "the head-hunting here that was present in McCarthyism," but the society's views seemed an attempt to turn back the clock 100 years or more to a "day in which we can no longer live."

Rabbi Gittleman said such organizations instill in liberals a certain fear of discussion for fear they will be labeled Communist. He added:

"It is the essence of religion not to be satisfied with prosperity for ourselves while others are hungry. . . . We are living in a new age."

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# Memorandum

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DATE: 3/6/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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On 2/24/61, [redacted]

[redacted] Kentucky, was contacted at the [redacted]  
[redacted] pursuant to his telephonic  
request. [redacted] Kentucky.

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[redacted] advised as follows:

He referred to the publicity the John Birch Society had received in Sunday's Courier-Journal of 2/19/61. He noted that the article in the paper identified himself and several others as leaders of this society in Louisville, Kentucky. He was not pleased with the article, stating it was slanted and did not give an accurate picture of the purposes of the John Birch Society. He stated the sole purpose of the John Birch Society is to combat the spread of Communism in the United States. He advised that prior to joining the John Birch Society several months ago he had made a thorough study of it and found nothing un-American concerning it and is himself convinced it is a wholly American organization, having for its purpose the gathering of material with which to combat subtle propaganda intended to lead unsuspecting and unknowing individuals into Communist beliefs. He mentioned that he himself has a copy of the film, "Operations Abolition" put out by the House Committee on un-American Activities, and shows this film when opportunities arise in order to show the dangers of Communism. He remains constantly on guard to make sure the John Birch Society does not become "radical" or go overboard in its activities.

Some examples of what he termed subtle efforts to lead individuals toward Communism were the actions of JIMMY ROOSEVELT in attempting to destroy the House Committee on un-American activities, the character assassination of the late Senator JOSEPH McCARTHY and possibly the current program of great decisions. Regarding great decisions, he stated that it claims to be unbiased and in no way leaning towards the left, but he believed it slants its material. He said he had never seen any material of it which sets forth all the atrocities that have occurred in Russia. He observed that the Fulton County Grand Jury in Atlanta, Georgia, has banned the great decisions program from that area.

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Regarding the late Senator JOSEPH McCARTHY, he said he himself did not entirely agree with the methods used by the late Senator but he felt that basically the late Senator's true purpose was to destroy Communism.

He said that the people joining the John Birch Society in Louisville are intelligent, well meaning people who are worried about the spread of Communism and want to do whatever they can to assist in fighting it. He observed it is rather humorous to him in that the people joining the Society at first all seem suspicious of everyone except themselves.

He expressed considerable disturbance over the material appearing in the Louisville Courier-Journal. In his opinion, he believes the material is slanted so that it does not portray the true dangers of Communism. He feels this is most unfortunate as are most people who believe everything they read.

He advised that since the publicity the Society received on 2/19/61, he and several of his members, he did not volunteer any names, have noticed unusual noises on their telephones. He has observed this on both his office and home phones. The noises consist of unusual clicks and on occasions other conversations are cut into his conversations. He was worried lest someone may have tapped his phones. He wondered if the FBI could do anything with respect to determining whether or not his phones were tapped. He was advised that checking of the phones for a tap was outside the jurisdiction of the FBI, but it was suggested he contact the local telephone company to determine what assistance it might be able to render him in this respect. He was hesitant to contact just anyone at the telephone company, but advised he was well acquainted with [redacted] and would contact [redacted] in this respect. He also stated that since the publicity he had received some rather nasty letters from individuals who disagreed rather strongly with the stated purposes of the John Birch Society. He advised none of the b7C letters contained any threats against him. He also stated that since the publicity, [redacted] another of the leaders in the John Birch Society, has been bothered by annoying telephone calls in which the callers have cursed [redacted] and indicated extreme displeasure at [redacted] connection with the John Birch Society. He said that all the calls received by [redacted] are local calls and, to his knowledge, no physical threats against [redacted] have been made by the callers.

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He expressed deep admiration for Director HOOVER and  
the FBI, and the work the Director and the Bureau has done for  
many years in attempting to fight Communism.

Submitted as a matter of information.

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On 3/6/61

[redacted], New Hampshire, appeared at the LOUISVILLE OFFICE and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he and his wife [redacted] reside at [redacted], telephone [redacted]. b7C  
[redacted], [redacted] stated that as salesman for the above company, he is generally in Indianapolis only on the weekends. He stated his wife is employed at the [redacted]  
[redacted], Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, in a clerical position.

[redacted] stated his wife and himself are members of the Indianapolis, Indiana, and they have attended discussion groups at this church in which Communism and other matters were discussed.

Last week [redacted], also a member of the church discussion group, invited he and his wife to come to her home at 2:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, 3/5/61, as [redacted] a well known [redacted] would be there and would speak.

At the designated time he and his wife [redacted] at the home of [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana. Approximately 25 other people were [redacted] b7C  
there. Those present that he knew were [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] all members of his church. The other individuals present were unknown to him.

[redacted] spoke and stated that he was coordinator for the John Birch Society and the purpose of the meeting was to establish a new chapter for this society, [redacted] spoke of the Communist threat and the dirty tactics used by the Communists. He pointed out ten points of tactics used by Communists and stated that the John Birch Society was fighting Communism by using the

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same tactics the Communists used on the American people. He pointed out that Communism could be halted by mass letter writing to public officials and other individuals denouncing legislation or anything else that appeared to be pro-Communist.

[redacted] stated that he and his wife have always been strongly anti-Communist and were, therefore, very impressed with [redacted] talk. At the end of [redacted] talk, he and his wife signed a membership application for the John Birch Society. His dues are to be \$2.00 per month and his wife's dues \$1.00 per month. Each month they are to receive pamphlets listing names of Communist and pro-Communist activities so that they can write letters to appropriate people in order to stop the activities. In addition, the new chapter is supposed to receive a library which also names pro-Communists.

According to [redacted] approximately 12 to 15 people besides he and his wife also signed membership cards at the [redacted] home. b7C

[redacted] stated that this morning, 3/9/61, he read in the Louisville Courier-Journal where the John Birch Society had been denounced in the U. S. Senate. The article indicated that this society had made accusations that former President EISENHOWER and other top officials were Communists.

[redacted] stated that after reading the article he is very disturbed and has been wondering whether or not he and his wife have joined an actual anti-Communist group or a Communist group in disguise.

[redacted] was informed that this office could furnish him no information regarding the John Birch Society.

[redacted] stated that he plans to contact the Indianapolis FBI office on Monday morning, 3/13/61, to inform that office that he and his wife have signed a membership card with the John Birch Society and have done so only because it was their understanding that the society was anti-Communist.

This information is being furnished the Indianapolis Office in the event [redacted] appears at that office on Monday morning, 3/13/61.

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Reportedly Called  
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Young said the society has organized cells in North Dakota among "some of the most able and influential people in each community."

He said Welch has "made accusations against the President of the United States and other top officers far beyond anything the late Senator Joe McCarthy (R., Wis.) ever thought of."

"To label some of our most loyal and dedicated people as Communists plays right into the hands of the Communists," he added.

### Articles Go On Record

Young placed in The Congressional Record articles from The Chicago Daily News of last July 26 and the current edition of Time magazine dealing with the Birch society.

The existence of two John Birch Society chapters in Louisville was disclosed in an article by Robert Hermann in The Courier-Journal on February 19. Chapter leaders here are W. Earle Otis, an architect, and Shirley Palmer-Ball, a businessman. Other members include S. Rayburn Watkins, executive vice-president of Associated Industries of Kentucky, and Dr. N. Burnett Magruder, executive director of the Louisville Council of Churches.

The Chicago News story said Welch is author of a book, "The Politician," which tries to prove that former President Eisenhower was a dedicated Communist and his brother, Milton R. Eisenhower, was "Ike's superior in the Communist Party."

### Income Tax Held Red

The Time article told of society activities in several states and said Welch is a former prominent Boston businessman who regards the income tax and Social Security as moves towards Communism.

It said John Birch was a U. S. Navy captain who was killed by Chinese Communist guerrillas after VJ Day in 1945.

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Young said most of the criticism by the society "is leveled not against liberal public officials but against the more middle-of-the-road and even conservative Republicans."

"From a practical political point of view," Young continued, "such charges actually are of some help. It is sort of a medicine to some liberal-thinking people who often have accused me of being a reactionary conservative."

# Birch Society Is Denounced In Senate

Reportedly Called  
Ike A Communist

By The Associated Press

Washington, March 8—Senator Milton R. Young (R., N.D.) said in the Senate today that leaders of an ultra-conservative and semi-secret group operating in many states have falsely accused former President Eisenhower of being a Communist.

Young said the organization, known as the John Birch Society, claims to be fighting Communism and has accused Young himself of "being about every kind of a scoundrel, including a Communist or pro-Communist."

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## **Even Senator Joe McCarthy Never Went So Far**

**WE ARE GLAD** that the activities of the semi-secret John Birch Society and its national leader, Robert Welch, have become topics of public discussion in the United States Senate.

Public disclosure of the curious convictions that typify the society is the most efficacious remedy to the malady. Senator Milton Young, a North Dakota Republican, complained that the society has accused him of "being about every kind of a scoundrel, including a Communist or pro-Communist."

The most shocking tenets of Mr. Welch, however, are included in his book, *The Politician*. Responsible conservatives and liberals alike are repelled by his flat assertion that "Mil-

ton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party."

To Mr. Welch, the late John Foster Dulles was "a Communist agent;" C.I.A. director Allen Dulles is "the most protected and untouchable supporter of Communism next to Eisenhower himself, in Washington."

Mr. Welch is further possessed of the idea that the federal income tax and Social Security are part of a plot to prepare the United States for Communist conquest.

These beliefs exceed anything ever expounded by the late Senator Joe McCarthy, as Senator Young pointed out. They discredit responsible conservatism and do disservice to America.

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## Presbyterian Head Says Birch Society Waging 'Campaign Of Falsehoods'

Santa Barbara, Cal., March 19 (UPI)—Dr. Eugene Carson Blake said Sunday that the John Birch Society and others are waging what he called "campaigns of falsehoods" against the Presbyterian Church and the National Council of Churches.

The campaign aims, he said, at holding certain leaders up as sympathetic toward communism.

Dr. Blake, who as stated clerk is the chief executive officer of the United Presbyterian Church In The U.S.A., preached at the Presbyterian Church here.

### Challenged To 'Wake Up'

"I challenge this congregation and this session (congregational governing body) to wake up to what is happening to you under the guise of anticommunism," Dr. Blake said in his text. "A free church with a free pulpit governed under constitutional law along with a free nation under a free constitution is the best re-

sistance there could be against Communist totalitarianism.

"Don't let your Americanism and your Presbyterianism be corrupted by those who would substitute a fuhrer principle for our free society."

The John Birch Society is an organization formed by Robert Welch of Boston for the avowed purpose of fighting Communist infiltration. Its supporters contend existing agencies don't take effective action against subversion, partly because they themselves are infiltrated by Communists. Welch has accused a number of prominent Americans of being Communist dupes, including former Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry S. Truman, and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Dr. Blake said he personally was attacked by Dr. Edgar Bundy of Wheaton, Ill., in a publication "implying that I am a Communist, soft on communism, or a Communist dupe. This is false witness."

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## Birch Head Urges Probe

Beverly Hills, Calif., March 23 (UPI)—Robert Welch, founder and head of the John Birch Society, demanded last night that the conservative anti-Communist society be investigated by the California State Senate's Un-American Activities Committee.

He made the demand to Gov. Edmund G. Brown who on Tuesday asked State Attorney

General Stanley Mosk to give several weeks but has discovered no irregularities.

Brown, in announcing his considerable criticism in the state.

A spokesman for the legislative committee said it had no present plans to investigate

the organization. Its chairman, Senator Hugh M. Burns, said the committee has been watching the society's activities for

member of the society's council.

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## A Hundred Thousand In Birch Society

TIMES 3/28/61 MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON—How dangerous to the well-being of this nation and to America's position as leader of the free world are the radicals of the right?

It is a question being asked seriously today as these radicals increasingly resort to the tactics of the Communists. They practice character assassination without regard for the truth. They spread fear, hatred and suspicion. They advocate infiltration of nonpolitical organizations such as the Parent-Teacher Association.

In some respects these radicals on the extreme right resemble the fanatical subverters of Germany and Italy who brought Nazism and Fascism into being. They are often allied with the White Citizens Councils, identifying integration with Communism. At the extreme end of the spectrum they are openly anti-Semitic, often referring to the "Jewish-Communist conspiracy."

A few years ago this would have been dismissed as merely a manifestation of what Theodore Roosevelt called the lunatic fringe. But with the rise of the John Birch Society that is not so easy. Founded by Robert Welch, a former Massachusetts candy manufacturer, the Birch Society now claims nearly a hundred thousand members with chapters in most states and a goal of a million paying dues of \$12 for women and \$24 for men. They are pledged to accept the discipline of Welch. Many of their operations are secret.

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**W**ELCH's secretly circulated book, "the Politician"—now reportedly withdrawn because it alarmed some members—has been compared to "Mein Kampf" if only in the Hitlerian view that the greater the lie the more likely that simple minds will fall victim to it. He calls every President beginning with Franklin Roosevelt a Communist. Of the Eisenhower brothers, he writes:

"While I, too, think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

Both the late John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, are called Communists.

One of the recent political targets of the society was Senator Milton Young, North Dakota Republican. Members of the four Birch societies in Bismarck, the state capital, were pushing in the Legislature a proposal for a constitutional convention to act on an amendment abolishing the federal income tax, liquidating 700 government agencies and greatly restricting the government's treaty-making power.

**T**HE House had already approved the proposal when Senator Young sent a telegram urging the Senate to defeat it and pointing out that it would mean killing the Garrison Dam irrigation diversion project in North Dakota. The Birchists came down on Young with their letter writing and telephone technique, seeking to put the Communist label on one whose record has on the whole been conservative. The State Senate voted 34-14 to kill the proposal, which in various forms has been adopted by nine other states.

Senator Thomas Kuchel of California, a moderate Republican, has also been under fire. One main goal of the Birch letter-writing blitz is to bring about the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, who was Kuchel's sponsor in politics. Asked about this, Kuchel called it a "contemptible and vicious thing" to suggest the impeachment of "one of the great men of our time."

Birch Society members have used their pressure techniques to force the showing of the House Un-American Activities Committee's film, "Operation Abolition." They have denounced as Communists questioning its accuracy.

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## Patriotism Or Sedition? Birch

### Society Tactics Raise Question

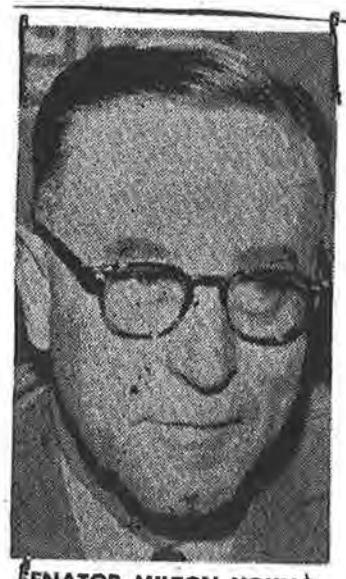
By BARBARA BUNDSCHE

United Press Writer

Residents of Santa Barbara, Calif., were in for a surprise when they stepped out into the bright and blowy morning of February 26 to pick up their Sunday newspapers. In that quiet and beautiful city of about 60,000, a respected fellow citizen had discovered what he felt was an outrage.

"The editor and publisher of The News-Press is in his 85th year," began a two-column editorial on the front page.

"His entire life has been spent in this community. . . . He lived when conditions were rugged. When West was West and men were men. He lived during periods when if a man or a group of men openly by word of mouth, or the printed word, called our President . . . and others at the head of our Government, traitors, they were made to answer. Such slanders often called for a visit from a courageous and irate group which brought with them a barrel of tar and a few feathers. . . ."



SENATOR MILTON YOUNG  
denounced society in Senate

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enower wash't all Storke had on his mind. In Santa Barbara itself, blessed as few communities in the nation with the comforts of both nature and material wealth, lives a member of the society's 26-man council, Dr. Granville Knight, a physician. Several active chapters of the semi-secret society were studying Communism at private meetings and looking around town for Communists to expose.

"The secret Communist looks and acts just like anybody else, only more so," Welch had instructed them in the society's "Blue Book." He could be anybody you know.

**Editor Takes It To Task**  
Thomas More Storke, rancher and citrus grower, owner of a newspaper since 1900, briefly by interim appointment a United States senator, regent of the University of California, was taking a stand against the John Birch Society and its founder and leader, Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass.

Welch, 61, retired from a candy firm four years ago to devote his life to fighting Communism. What bothered editor Storke was the way Welch was fighting it.

In a letter written before he set up the society late in 1958 and still in limited circulation, Welch told friends that President Eisenhower, his brother, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen Dulles, then and now head of the Central Intelligence Agency, were members of the Communist underground.

But the statement about Eis-

sons you will understand, there can be no accounting of funds. "The John Birch Society already has done a grave disservice to Santa Barbara by arousing suspicions and a mutual distrust among men of good will. The organization's adherents, sincere in their opposition to Communism, do not seem to understand the dangers of the totalitarian dynamite with which they are tampering.

"The News-Press challenges them: Come up from under-

ground. "And if they believe that in being challenged they have grounds for suit—let them sue. The News-Press would welcome a suit as a means of shedding more light on the John Birch Society."

What is the real nature of this relatively new group on the American political scene? Political scientists would classify it as ultraconservative. It is and will remain a subject of controversy, however, over whether its tactics are compatible with American democratic principles as they are most popularly understood.

It is, in itself, an authoritarian society. (Editor Storke's adjective was "totalitarian"). Welch does not say the United States should have a similarly authoritarian form of government. But he is far from completely sold on the form we now have.

#### Beyond McCarthyism

By Welch's political standards, Dwight Eisenhower is a Communist, and so are many

## California Legislature Launches Hearings On The Birch Society

Sacramento, Calif., March 29 (UPI)—A committee of the California State Legislature today began hearings on the John Birch Society. One lawmaker testified it "reminds us very much" of the Hitler organization in Germany before World War II.

"This is an organization to fight Communists," said Assemblyman Gordon I. Winton. "The Hitler organization started out the same way and attracted some very respectable businessmen."

The hearing by the Assembly's Rules Committee is considering a proposal to request a Federal investigation of the society.

past and present. These are standards not everyone accepts. The U.S. Senate on March 8 heard Senator Milton R. Young, North Dakota Republican, declare that Welch's accusations against Eisenhower and others had gone "beyond anything the late Joe McCarthy ever thought of." On the other hand a Senate internal affairs subcommittee has described Welch's John Birch Society as a "patriotic organization."

Santa Barbara was not the first or the last although it would seem among the most unlikely—community to have been torn by the society's activities or to have seen it assailed by its newspapers. The organization has become embroiled in controversy in many states, including Wisconsin, Texas, Ohio, Kansas, California and North Dakota.

Articles and editorial comment on the organization have been carried by a number of newspapers and magazines including The Chicago Daily News, The Milwaukee Journal, The Louisville Courier-Journal, The Boston Herald, The Los Angeles Times, The Racine (Wis.) Journal-Times, Time magazine and The Nation.

The amount of secrecy surrounding its operations has varied considerably from community to community, and Welch has given up his fight to avoid publicity about the group.

At issue between the society and many who might otherwise share Welch's conservative political and economic views is his persistent reasoning that everything he personally considers wrong is a Communist plot.

#### Free Speech Suppressed

At issue between the society and those who condemn it is the tendency of its activities to suppress, if not the right, at least, the respectability of dissent.

This question has split the Supreme Court itself in decisions which have qualified the First Amendment rights of witnesses before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

John Birch had nothing to do with the group which bears his name. He was a young fundamentalist Baptist missionary from Georgia who served as an intelligence officer in China during World War II and was killed 10 days after V-J Day by Chinese Communists. He was 27 when he died.

Robert Welch never heard of Birch until after his death, but he has done research on him and written his life story. Welch has memorialized Birch as "probably the first American casualty in that Third World War between Communists and the ever-shrinking free world," which is still being waged against us." And when he came to found a Communist-fighting organization, he called it the John Birch Society.

#### Push Campaigns

In Birch's name, members of the society are asked to write letters to congressmen and others, operate in "front" organizations and through established community groups such as P.T.A.'s and chambers of commerce to push campaigns conceived by Welch as anti-Communist.

These campaigns include movements to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren, to repeal the income tax, to rout the social gospel from the churches, to oppose the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, foreign aid, the United Nations and cultural, or any other, exchanges with Russia.

Welch also is a native Southerner, born in North Carolina, December 1, 1899. He was reared in what he now calls "the intellectually restricting bonds of the unusually narrow Southern Baptist fundamentalism." He spent four years at the University of North Carolina, two at the U. S. Naval Academy and two at Harvard Law School before going into the candy business. He was for years vice-president of the James O. Welch Company, headed by his brother, which has factories in Massachusetts and in Los Angeles.

He is an affable man who smiles easily and exhibits in his writings a sense of humor, love of poetry and wide knowledge of history and literature.

He was a director of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years, serving also as a vice-president of the organization. Three former presidents of the N.A.M. are or have been on the Birch's Society's council.

On January 1, 1957, his biography says, he "gave up most of his business responsibilities and most of his income—in order to devote practically all of his time and energy to the anti-Communist cause."

#### Puts Out Bulletin

The John Birch Society was founded almost two years later, on December 9, 1958, at Indianapolis, after Welch delivered a two-day speech to 11 men he had invited to hear it. That speech is today the "Blue Book" of the society, the official statement of its aims and methods. It is supplemented by monthly bulletins to members and the magazine "American Opinion," which Welch founded before the society and of which he is editor.

The message and aim is: "Less government, more responsibility and a better world."

"You have only a few more years," he told his listeners at Indianapolis. "We are living . . . in such a fool's paradise as the people of China lived in 20 years ago."

The idea that the nation must mobilize its resources to combat the external danger of Soviet military might and Sputnik supremacy is, in Welch's view, a part of the Communist plot. "In other words, under the guise of fighting Communism, we are being stampeded into the biggest jump ever towards, and perhaps the final jump right into socialism and into the Communist camp."

#### Calls Press Rigged

Criticism from the press is not likely to disturb Welch.

He has already told his followers that "The domination of our press, television and radio by Communist influences is now so great that you simply are not allowed to learn or be reminded of the real nature of the beasts to whom we are losing."

When you hear Welch's

charges out of context . . . their absurdity is plain enough," said the Rev. John A. Crane to his congregation at Santa Barbara's Unitarian Church one February Sunday.

"But when you come upon them in the publications of the society, surrounded and supported by Welch's rich, flowing language and ideas, their absurdity is well concealed.

"The man is a marvelously gifted demagogue . . .

"There is, another factor apart from the magic of Robert Welch that lends power to the movement . . . both Welch and his people are genuinely afraid . . . driven by an almost wild fear of a persistent and pervasive sort. Because of the peculiar nature of their understanding of what it means to be an American, everywhere they look, in our society, they see signs of a incredibly devious subversion . . ."

TOMORROW: The society's doctrine and members.

Robert Welch never heard

**STORM CENTER OF THE FAR RIGHT—No. 2**

## **Birch Society Derides Democracy**

### **Stirs Mistrust Inside Church**

By BARBARA BUNDSCHE

United Press Writer

At the start of 1961 the John Birch Society had organized one to 100 chapters in each of 34 states and the District of Columbia, according to its founder, Robert Welch of Massachusetts.

(Still to be organized: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah and Vermont.

"The John Birch Society is to be a monolithic body," Welch said in the Blue Book of the organization's doctrine.

"A republican form of government or of organization has many attractions and advantages under certain favorable conditions. But under less happy circumstances it lends itself too readily to infiltration, distortion and disruption. And democracy, of course, in government or organization . . . is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud . . .

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## ~~Has 100,000 Members~~

"The John Birch Society will operate under completely authoritative control at all levels . . . no collection of debating societies is ever going to stop the Communist conspiracy."

He hoped for 1,000,000 dedicated members to fight with evangelical fervor.

Paul H. Talbert, Los Angeles insurance executive who is one of the society's council members, estimated recently that it might have 100,000 members by the end of 1961, its third year.

Welch said he wanted to raise \$1,000,000 from sources other than dues during the society's first year—"and even that amount is an awfully small drop in the bucket against what either the direct Communists or the Reutherite labor bosses are spending against us."

There is no public accounting of either money or membership. Dues are \$24 a year for men and \$12 for women; life memberships are \$1,000, either sex. Appeals for additional voluntary contributions accompany virtually all mailings to members. Welch has said he draws no salary. There are 28 full-time employees at headquarters and the society is reported to be the largest single source of revenue for the Belmont, Mass., Post Office next door.

Another 35 salaried persons work around the country as co-ordinators. An additional 100 work full or almost full time as volunteers.

Welch frankly has borrowed the Communist technique of setting up front groups for specific purposes. He acknowledged that another technique he advocates—the use of loaded questions to smear a suspect he can't prove is a Communist—is "mean and dirty."

### Secrecy Varies

Chapters operate at widely different levels of secrecy. In North Dakota, meetings are announced on local radio stations and everybody is welcome. The North Dakota organization, with about 400 members in 19 chapters, was active in a proposal to outlaw the Federal income tax, approved by the State's House of Rep-

resentatives but killed in the Senate.

In Dallas, Tex., a 32-year-old businessman member of the society wouldn't give his name for publication. His explanation: "Most of our members in Dallas are little people, just like I am. Most of these folks could not take a sustained smear attack. If it came along, they would probably be thrown out of their jobs.

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There is no rule of thumb in Welch's book for members to determine on their own who is or who isn't a Communist, or Communist dupe.

"There are ways of sizing up both individuals and organizations in this battle which come only with experience, a knowledge of the interlocking pieces and personalities and a feel for the way the Communists work," says the "Blue Book."

"And while of course I can make mistakes, too, I know from the way my opinion of various characters, formed independently, has then proved to coincide with the opinion of J. B. Matthews . . . that I have a fairly sensitive and accurate nose in this area . . . so we do not intend to be frustrated by indecisions of this nature."

Matthews is an associate editor of Welch's American Opinion as well as the standard by which he checks his nose for Communists.

Matthews resigned as chief investigator of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's investigating committee in 1953 after the appearance in The American Mercury of Matthews' article stating that Protestant clergymen were "the largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus" in this country.

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The most important activity of the John Birch Society at the moment is its campaign to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren.

In Welch's view, the Supreme Court's school-integration decision and all the racial troubles in the South have been brought about by Communists to foment civil war. "Civil rights" is a Communist slogan, "an exact parallel to the slogan of 'agrarian reform' which they used in China," he has



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**ROBERT H. WELCH**

Founder, head of Birch Society

the votes of a member of Congress, or on a position which the American president takes," Kuchel said. "That is part of our right of free speech. But to attempt to heap slime and abuse on any public figure poses an extremely dangerous problem for self-government in this country."

### Congressman Is Member

Representative Ken Hechler (D., Va.) told the House March 13 that the desks of many of its members "have been flooded for the past few weeks by a great deal of junk mail which maliciously and unfairly reflects on the integrity of our great Chief Justice of the United States, Earl Warren.

"I would like to know who is paying for all of these mimeographed and duplicated letters and cards . . ."

Representative Edgar W. Hiestand (R., Calif.) is listed by the society as a member of its committee of endorsers. Hiestand said he has been a member of the society for years.

"It is a society of individuals dedicated to fighting Communism," Hiestand said. "They make up their own minds. They are violently anti-Communist. That is the one thing we have in common."

Hiestand said, "A lot of prominent people have been misled by misinformation." He is considering putting into the record a documented reply to charges against the organization.

Representative Gordon Scherer (R., Ohio), a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, also listed as an endorser, said he was not a member of the society, but "I look with favor on it."

The Senate Internal Security subcommittee is replying to inquiries with a form letter over the signature of its chairman, Senator James O. Eastland (D., Miss.).

It reads: "The John Birch Society, about which you asked, is known to be a conservative anti-Communist organization officially. We are happy to state that it seems to be, from our records, a patriotic organization. Very truly yours . . ."

All senators are not so sure. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) told the Senate, "Something ought to be done to lay the facts before the American people so they can judge this organization for what it is."

In California, Gov. Edmund G. Brown said March 21 that

He had asked State Attorney General Stanley Mosk to look into the organization.

"Unless they violate a law, they have a right to speak," Brown said.

Welch telegraphed Brown the following day demanding a full-dress investigation by the State Senate's Un-American Activities Committee and promising "a dozen or a hundred or a thousand of our members in California will gladly testify."

#### Deplores Fascist Label

Talbert said that if any members plead the Fifth Amendment, "We would just love to find out just who these infiltrators are so that we can get rid of them."

Talbert said, "We all believe in loyalty oaths, preservation of the Connally Amendment, restoration of the investigative powers of the F.B.I. and any other Government committee for the purpose of investigating subversion..."

"What is happening to cause supposedly reputable newspapers to refer to us as fascists, neo-fascists, silver shirts, red shirts, black shirts, subversives, and even to compare us with the Ku Klux Klan?"

Congress was stirred to protest by the John Birch Society's campaign against Chief Justice Warren. But it is the society's attack on churches that apparently has brought on two successive weeks to

it to the attention of ~~new~~ US situation in Phoenix, communities — and has more bitterly divided those communities—than any of its other activities.

It is an attack that has been made for years by some religious fundamentalists and economic conservatives who see as both heresy and Communism the preaching of a social gospel that attempts to apply Biblical teachings to secular and political problems.

The people of Arizona are getting two barrels at the moment. It is one of the Birch Society's biggest states. And it is receiving similarly concentrated attention from the American Council of Christian Churches, a fundamentalist group which has been waging a hot war of words for many years against the larger National Council of Churches.

The division has been intensified by controversy over the House Committee on Un-American Activities' motion picture, "Operation Abolition," which is being promoted by the Birch Society, among others, and which the National Council of Churches, among others, has recommended not be shown without the presentation of serious questions about its accuracy.

The Rev. Carl McIntire, a de-frocked Presbyterian minister who is a spokesman for the American Council, devoted his nationwide radio program to the defense of the Birch Society's charges.

#### False Witness?

In Santa Barbara, Calif., members of the First Presbyterian Church received through the mail a Birch Society "questionnaire" attacking its own church leadership and that of the National Council.

The Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and a former National Council president, flew to Santa Barbara to accuse the Birch Society in a sermon; his text "Thou shalt not bear false witness..."

"If you let these propagandists have their way they will divide this church right down the middle between 'Communists' and 'fascists' hating each other, labeling each other, and distrusting each other," Blake said.

At Amarillo, Tex., Brig. Gen. William L. Lee, retired commander of the Amarillo Air Force Base, is head of the local Birch organization. He denied the society has anything to do with the rumored circulation of a list charging five prominent local men are Communists.

Lee said there are no Communists in Amarillo. But he acknowledged that the society is stirring up friction in local churches.

"If he (Eisenhower) is one

"We have documented proof that the National Council has been infiltrated by Communists and some of these ministers just won't listen to us," Lee said.

#### Antilabor Stand Told

The Amarillo group has been less successful in another campaign. The public library refused to yield to its demand that it call off a "Great Decisions" discussion series sponsored by the 42-year-old Foreign Policy Association.

At Wichita, Kan., the society has moved to battle in policy matters in P.T.A.'s, the library, and college. According to George H. Lewis, assistant professor of economics at the University of Wichita and director of the Kansas Council for Industrial Peace, "they virtually control the Wichita Chamber of Commerce and seem to have a dominant influence in the state Chamber organization.

"One of their major objectives in the state is to destroy collective bargaining. They are preparing to push through some vicious antilabor legislation during the next session."

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Members of the society from coast to coast have professed themselves undisturbed by Welch's pre-society charge that President Eisenhower was not a dupe but a Communist.

"He doesn't know it," said a Santa Barbara woman.

Spruille Braden, a former U. S. ambassador and a member of the society's council, said he didn't agree with the charge but that it in no way led him to question Welch's judgment on other matters.

"He may exaggerate sometimes," Braden said of Welch. "When you're in a barroom brawl, no holds are barred. You don't fight by the Marquis of Queensbury rules."

**TOMORROW:** Welch gives his opinion of Eisenhower, Taft, MacArthur and Goldwater; action of the opposition.

# Congress Urged To Probe Group Impugning Ike

One Congressman Admits Membership  
In Birch Society, Thinks Others Belong

From Wire Dispatches

Washington, March 30.—Congress was urged Thursday to investigate the John Birch Society's founder for calling former President Dwight D. Eisenhower "a card-carrying Communist."

One congressman acknowledged membership in the conservative society. He was Representative Edgar W. Hiestand (R., Cal.) who said, "I'm quite sure there are other members of Congress who are also members of the society."

Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Cal.) and Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) took the floor of the Senate to denounce the organization.

Kuchel said Robert Welch, founder of the society, should be called before the Senate Government Operations Committee to answer questions about attacks on the character of Eisenhower, Chief Justice Earl Warren, and others.

## 'Fantastic, Incredible Lie'

To call Eisenhower a Communist, Kuchel said, "is a fantastic and incredible lie."

"Good God," he asked, "should the American people permit this kind of spleen to be poured on a man who has dedicated his whole life to freedom?"



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Dodd said attacks by Welch on Eisenhower, Warren, former Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman, and others are "an affront to both decency and intelligence."

Welch, a 61-year-old retired Boston candy manufacturer, founded the anti-Communist society in 1958.

The society is named in honor of a 27-year-old Baptist missionary killed by the Chinese Communists 10 days after the close of World War II. The society considers Birch the first casualty of the Cold War.

Hiestand complained that Welch's charges against Eisenhower and other leading Americans had been made before the society was founded and were now being "dredged up," out of context, in an effort to discredit the organization.

"When an anti-Communist group begins to hurt," he declared. "It begins to get smeared."

While Kuchel called for an

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## Congress Is Urged To Probe Group Whose Founder Called Ike Communist

### Congressman Says He Joined

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investigation in the Senate, it was revealed that Representative Henry S. Reuss (D., Wis.) had asked for an investigation.

Reuss asked Representative Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, to authorize a probe by his committee.

Walter, in a reply Thursday, said the committee has received numerous letters complaining that the organization is un-American. But, he added, their specific complaints alleged wrongs to individuals who have recourse to the civil courts.

#### Door Not Yet Closed

Reuss said Walter's refusal did not necessarily close the door on a Congressional investigation. He said he would discuss the matter with his House colleagues, including Speaker Sam Rayburn, "to see what steps are open to us."

Hiestand said he would welcome an investigation of the society by Walter's committee.



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**ROBERT H. WELCH**  
Birch Society founder

to attack the society "until you know the facts."

Hiestand told The Star he joined the society in California "quite a while back."

"I don't endorse absolutely everything the society stands for," he said, "but the big 98 per cent of its program is intense patriotism and anticommunism."

The society is composed of a "group of patriots, rugged individuals," Hiestand said.

#### Apology Called Needed

Kuchel told the Senate it was the proper function of the Government Operations Committee to call Welch as a witness and ask him the basis for what Kuchel termed "these miserable charges."

Kuchel also said the committee should "make him apologize, not alone to Eisenhower and Warren, but to the people of this country."

Dodd commended the American press for exposing the John Birch Society to public scrutiny. But he said he could not understand why the press had not been as vigorous in exposing the Communist peace offensive and Communist front operations in the United States.

Hiestand told The Washington Evening Star that such an investigation would help dispel charges that the society is "a dictatorial, Fascist" organization.

The star said he had written several fellow congressman Wednesday urging them not

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## Birch Society Founder Calls

# Kennedy Amoral, Nixon Slippery

By BARBARA BUNDSCHE  
United Press Writer

Robert Welch, founder and leader of the John Birch Society, charges that the 1952 Republican presidential nomination was stolen from the late Senator Robert A. Taft.

Welch's bitterness against former President Eisenhower apparently dates from the 1952 convention, when Eisenhower won the G.O.P. nomination over Taft.

In a "Letter to Khrushchev," in Welch's American Opinion magazine in 1958, now available in pamphlet form, Welch told the Russian leader he knew that among the pro-Communist activities of recent years had been: "The snatching of the Republican nomination from Taft in 1952 by purchase, theft, secret deals and other tactics more foul than had ever before appeared in American politics."

### He's For Goldwater

Later in the same letter, which starts out assuring Khrushchev, "We know that you are winning the Cold War by leaps and bounds," Welch wrote, "The President of one of America's largest banks took suitcases full of currency to the convention, to bribe delegates away from Taft; and he was rewarded, for thus providing such spontaneity, by a major ambassadorship."

In an interview, Welch named Taft and General Douglas MacArthur as men he considered great Americans of recent years but declined to name his current favorites. His "Blue Book," however, leaves no doubt that his current choice is Arizona's Republican Senator Barry Goldwater.

"I'd love to see him president of the United States, and

maybe some day we shall," Welch said.

Goldwater, in response to a reporter's inquiry, said he wasn't aware of any Birch Society endorsement and wasn't running for anything but the Senate. His term expires in 1964. Goldwater said he was familiar with the organization, that he had met several of its members during his travels and "they are very outstanding people."

Welch, in a "Blue Book" speech of December, 1958, called former Vice-President Richard M. Nixon "one of the ablest, shrewdest, most disingenuous, and slippiest politicians that ever showed up on the American scene."

But he said he would leave his remarks about Nixon out of the tape-recorded version of his speech because "he may be the best bet we have for the Republican standard bearer in 1960, who has any chance of getting the nomination. He would be far better than Nelson Rockefeller."

"I think Nixon could become a very patriotic anti-Communist if we could create circumstances in which it would be smart politics to be one; whereas I think Nelson Rockefeller is definitely committed to trying to make the United States a part of one-world socialist government . . ."

### Allegory Slaps Kennedy

Welch's views on President Kennedy were indicated before his election. He did not mention Kennedy by name but his sentiments were made clear in a discussion about "Amoral Man."

"You will usually find him in church on Sunday morning, maybe even a Catholic church," Welch said, then, "But as a

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**SENATOR GOLDWATER**  
Unaware of endorsement

member of the United States Senate, running for the presidency, and smart enough to know the strong Communist support behind-the-scenes which he will have to get in order to have any chance of being nominated in 1960, such an amoral man can do a tremendous amount of ball-carrying on behalf of the Communist aims here in the United States; and he can do an almost equal amount of damage to anti-Communist morale in other parts of the world by his well-publicized speeches against Chiang Kai-shek or in favor of the Algerian rebels.

"And any similarity of characters in this story to any living persons is not coincidental."

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"I am prepared to defend their right to express their

views, as I would 'leftist' opinions," said Los Angeles lawyer A. L. Wirin about the society. "That its views, however, are acceptable to any portion of the American public is a sad commentary on the present American political scene."

Senator Milton R. Young (R., N. D.) who has criticized the society on the Senate floor, said, "What surprises me most is not the size but the number of prominent men who belong."

Twelve of the 26 men currently listed as members of the society's council are listed in Who's Who In America. They include two former Presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers—William J. Grede and Cola G. Parker, both of Wisconsin—and a third former N.A.M. president, Ernest G. Swigert of Portland, Ore., was previously listed as a council member.

The Racine (Wis.) Journal-Times, noting the association of these and other prominent businessmen with the group said, "It is a cause for crackpots, but those allegedly responsible persons who support it will be tarred with the same brush."

#### Menjou Drops Out

Other council members include Spruille Braden, former U. S. ambassador; T. Coleman Andrews, the former collector of internal revenue who ran for president on a platform calling for abolition of the income tax; Clarence Manion, former dean of the Notre Dame Law School and head of the highly conservative Manion Forum.

M. T. Phelps, former chief of the newspaper for its stand

justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona; Col. Lawrence A. Bunker, former personal aide to General MacArthur, and retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Charles B. Stone III, former commander of the 14th Air Force in China.

The late Alfred Kohlberg,

New York importer best known for his letter-writing in support of the so-called "China lobby" was a charter member and is still listed as such.

Adolphe Menjou, the Hollywood actor, was once a member of the council. His wife said early in March that both she and her husband were still members of the society. But on March 21, Mrs. Menjou said her husband had withdrawn from the society, having found he disagreed with Welch "on certain points." She declined to elaborate.

#### Getting The Word

Some answers to Wirin's

question on the society's appeal were provided March 18 in two pages of letters printed by The Los Angeles Times following its editorial condemnation of the society.

Four writers said The Times articles preceding the editorial were prompting them to join the society. Two justified their membership in these words:

"It is the only organization that I know of that gives vital information on what is really going on and gives us suggestions for positive action."

"If our Government had made a real attempt to inform us, or to direct our attention to the need for this information, the John Birch Society would have been unnecessary."

Letter writers who praised

the society included former Vice-President Nixon, the presidents of the University of California and Occidental College and the chancellor of the University of California at Los Angeles; Representative James C. Cooper (D., Calif.), and Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy.

#### Nixon Points Danger

One letter, signed only with initials complimented The Times for explaining "probably much better than we might the reasons why we resigned after several months as members."

The letter said the writers had become disturbed by cards

distributed by the society last year to protest the planned summit meeting. Designed for mailing to President Eisenhower, they read, "If you go—don't come back!"

"Then we began to note that almost every public official—Roosevelt, Truman, Ike, Nixon, Dulles and others became ever-widening targets of Welch.

"We heard whispers, remarks prefaced by, 'Would you believe it if I told you—?' And we became increasingly wary.

"We became disenchanted with the John Birch Society and withdrew...."

Nixon wrote The Times, "I may at times seem unrealistic and naive to follow the rules of the game when our opponents are so unscrupulous and completely devoid of morality. But, in the end, refusing to resort to methods that are wrong not only is right but in the long run is the most effective way to combat an evil doctrine like Communism....

"One of the most indelible lessons of human history is that those who adopt the doctrine that the end justifies the means inevitably find the means become the end."

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## Congressman Member Defends

### John Birch Society

From Wire Dispatches

Washington, March 31—A Congressional member of the controversial John Birch Society defended the organization as an anti-Communist group today but other congressmen talked of an investigation and the Justice Department expressed "concern."

Representative Edgar W. Hiestand (R., Calif.), the first congressman to identify himself as member of the society, told a news conference he would welcome a Congressional investigation. He said he felt the society had the best chance of successfully fighting "the Communist conspiracy."

The Justice Department refused to say whether it is investigating the society, but a spokesman said a "growing number of inquiries the Justice Department has received about the John Birch Society has made it a matter of concern to the Attorney General."

Hiestand said he didn't know how many chapters or members the society has, but he said that Representative John H. Rousselot (R., Calif.) is another John Birch member he knows of in Congress. He said there might be others. Rousselot was not available immediately for comment.

Hiestand said the society was not a secret or Fascist organization. Besides anti-Communism, he said, its aims are to promote "less and less government."

The most caustic criticism of the society centered around its founder, Robert Welch, who is said to have called former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and others Communists.

F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover spoke out against "reckless charges" and "vigilante action" in a signed editorial in the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Bulletin.

"The job of curtailing and containing Communism

is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast co-operation of every loyal citizen.

"This is neither the time for inaction nor vigilante action....

"Attributing every adversity to Communism is not only irrational, but contributes to hysteria and fosters groundless fears...."

The Birch society was founded in 1948 by Welch, a retired candy manufacturer from Belmont, Mass. It has active chapters in almost every part of the country. The society is named for a Baptist missionary killed by Chinese Communists 10 days after the end of World War II.

Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) told a reporter he would ask the Senate internal security subcommittee to investigate the society and its leaders. Dodd joined Senator Thomas Kuchel (R., Calif.) in renouncing the organization yesterday in the Senate.

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# **John Birch Group Says Publicity Spurring Louisville Membership**

## **New Chapters 'Being Formed'**

By ROBERT HERMANN

Leaders of two John Birch Society chapters here said yesterday that society membership in Louisville and Kentucky is growing by leaps and bounds as a result of recent publicity.

"It's growing faster than we



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John Morrison Birch was the Baptist soldier-missionary killed by the Communists in China in 1945, for whom the controversial John Birch Society is named. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Birch, live in Macon, Ga.

can handle it," said Shirley W. Palmer-Ball.

"We're getting so many inquiries from all over the state that we can't keep up with them without full-time help," said W. Earle Otis.

Both said that additional chapters of the far-right-wing organization are being formed in Louisville. Asked how many members the society now has here, Palmer-Ball said he didn't know and Otis said he'd rather not say. They would not identify any of the new members.

### **Co-ordinator Planned**

Otis, an architect, said a full-time Birch co-ordinator would soon be appointed for Ken-

A California congressman who is a member of the John Birch Society declares that pro-Communists are backing some Kennedy welfare legislation Story on Page 2.

tucky alone. A co-ordinator now serves Kentucky and two other states, he said.

The chapter leaders were asked to comment on charges by the society's founder, Robert Welch of Boston, that former President Eisenhower was a Communist. Both said that Welch wrote this four years before he founded the John Birch Society.

Palmer-Ball said he didn't think the accusation against Eisenhower was true. Otis said the former President's actions "speak for themselves."

Palmer-Ball, 30-year-old vice-

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~~President~~ and general manager of Palmer Asbestos & Rubber Company, St. Matthews, said he spent a month and a half investigating the society before he joined it about the first of this year.

#### Phoned Committee

He telephoned the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Attorney General's office (under the Eisenhower Administration) and was told there was nothing wrong with the society, he said.

Palmer-Ball has been circulating a print of the controversial film, "Operation Abolition," he said. He said his copy of the movie, dealing with student protests at hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee in San Francisco, had been seen by the Lincoln Club, a Republican organization, and "a few of the churches."

The churches came to him after the film was "temporarily withdrawn" from the film library of the Louisville Area Council of Churches, he said. The film also has been shown at a "Great Decisions" meeting. Other copies have been shown in some schools here.

#### Not Disturbed

The two chapter leaders said the prospect of Congressional investigations of the John Birch Society doesn't disturb them.

"The House Un-American Activities Committee hasn't got anything bad to say about us, and neither has the Senate in-

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## Birch Group Membership 'Growing'

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ternal security subcommittee," said Otis.

The architect said he would welcome an investigation "because it might disclose a lot of truths that have not been brought out."

Otis objected to articles describing the society as "semi-secret." He said many organizations refuse to give out their membership lists because they don't want their members bothered by salesmen and the like.

#### 2 Others Unavailable

Two other known members of the society here could not be reached. S. Rayburn Watkins, executive vice-president of Associated Industries of Kentucky, was reported out of the city. The Rev. N. Burnett Magruder, executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches, could not be located yesterday.

Palmer-Ball said he received letters of encouragement from as far away as California after an article about John Birch activities in Louisville appeared in The Courier-Journal February 19.

The Courier-Journal article was reprinted in the March bulletin of the John Birch Society because, according to Welch, "it does take a middle ground between the vicious attacks and strong praises of the society in other papers."

# Society's Dispute Arises Over

## Death Of John Birch

By The Associated Press

The Army intelligence officer who prepared the O.S.S. mission on which John Birch was killed by Chinese Communists in 1945 said yesterday that the son of a missionary "was as much a hero as any other American soldier who died for his country."

But the ex-officer who made the official report on the death of the man for whom the controversial anti-Communist society was named said:

"Birch was responsible for his own death . . . he didn't die the hero he was supposed to have been."

Both were replying to statements by a Billings, Mont., man who said Saturday:

"There was no real object."

lesson in Birch's death, and certainly no glory."

Joseph Sample, president of a radio-television station at Billings said he was a first lieutenant in 1945-46 in the Office of Strategic Services detachment in northern China to which Birch was assigned.

'Was Risking His Life.'

Reserve Lt. Col. William P. Weiss, Jr., a Los Angeles stockbroker, taking issue with Sample, said:

"Birch was risking his life over and above the normal hazards required of our services during the war, on a voluntary basis. All our people agreed to that."

"Unfortunately, he wasn't as skilled as he should have been."

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~~But he~~ certainly is just as much a hero, as he died for his country in trying conditions."

#### Tried To Bluff Way Out

Birch's mission was to report troop movements and other items to the O.S.S. base at Kunming, China. He was killed August 25, 1945, heading an intelligence team in central China.

Weiss agreed with Sample, however, that Birch was killed when he tried to bluff his way out of a bad situation with Chinese Reds.

He said, "Harsh words led to insults, and insults to arrogance (on Birch's part)."

But he explained that Birch's difficulty resulted from inexperience.

"John Birch was not O.S.S.-trained, but was what we called recruited in the field—from the 14th Air Force—because of his linguistic ability."

In Pasadena, Cal., Gus Krause, now a civilian who was an O.S.S. lieutenant colonel at Shian when Birch was killed, said of the society's hero:

"The men in the patrol agreed that if Birch had kept his mouth shut, the Chinese Communists would never have touched him.

**'Almost Had To Shoot'**

"The Communists would fire at the drop of a handkerchief," he recalled. "Because of Birch's background and his long life in

China, he threw his weight around.

"Birch was a real fine gentleman, but being a son of a missionary family and having grown up among the Chinese, he was pretty forward and spoke harshly with the Chinese.

"He had that commander backed into a corner . . . where he almost had to shoot . . . to save face among his group."

Birch's body was hacked with knives, Krause said. He said he has photos verifying his official report.

## Throwing Some Light On The Birch Society

IT IS VERY DIFFICULT to know how seriously the country as a whole should take the John Birch Society. The temptation is to shrug it off. How can you take seriously a group whose leader says Dwight Eisenhower and John Foster Dulles participated in the Communist conspiracy? On the other hand, is it reasonable to ignore a society, nearly half of whose "council" have attained such prominence as to be listed in Who's Who In America? Twelve of the Birch Society's 26 council members are so listed. And how many American men and women have joined the Society? Only a relatively few, or does it have mass support? How does it work? What are its goals, in addition to its proclaimed one of combatting Communism? How does it try to reach those goals?

The American people, we think, would like to know the answers to some of these questions. Some members of Congress, too, would like to have a few answers. In both House and Senate tentative proposals for an investigation of the Society, which numbers among its members at least one Congressman, have been made.

As far as we are concerned, the members of the Society have a right to their own opinions and a right to express them, within the limits of the libel laws, of course. If their leader thinks that John F. Kennedy is amoral and that Richard M. Nixon is slippery, that is his business. If the Society's members believe in, and advocate a return to, the economic and political thought of the 19th or even the 15th Century, that is their affair, assuming always that they do not urge overthrowing the government by force.

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~~But~~ their actions, as distinct from their beliefs, may well be a proper field for congressional investigation. We are especially interested in the means by which they try to bring pressure to bear on various governmental levels.

Robert Welch of Boston, the founder and leader of the Society, is willing and even eager to have Congress investigate. Representative Edgar W. Hiestand, a Los Angeles Republican, the first Congressman to identify himself as a member of the Society, says he would welcome an investigation.

That being so, we hope that one branch or other of Congress will institute an inquiry, for the Society is willing and the country is curious—and concerned, at least to some degree. Such an inquiry, properly conducted, would let a little air and light into a somewhat musty situation—musty in the sense that the organization seemingly has preferred to operate in a semisecret manner.

Representative Walter, the Pennsylvania Democrat whose House Un-American Activities Committee has been asked to start an investigation, thus far has refused. He suggests that any persons who might have been damaged by the Society or its members have recourse to the courts. For reasons which Representative Walter could best explain, he has not taken this point of view in regard to investigation of alleged left-wing organizations or individuals.

In any event, we hope there will be an inquiry. It may turn out that the present concern over the John Birch Society is much ado about virtually nothing; on the other hand, the concern ~~may~~ be well deserved.

STORM CENTER OF THE FAR RIGHT—No. 2

## Birch Society Derides Democracy

### , Stirs Mistrust Inside Church

By BARBARA BUNDSCHE

United Press Writer

At the start of 1961 the John Birch Society had organized one to 100 chapters in each of 34 states and the District of Columbia, according to its founder, Robert Welch of Massachusetts.

(Still to be organized: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah and Vermont.

"The John Birch Society is to be a monolithic body," Welch said in the Blue Book of the organization's doctrine.

"A republican form of government or of organization has many attractions and advantages under certain favorable conditions. But under less happy circumstances it lends itself too readily to infiltration, distortion and disruption. And democracy, of course, in government or organization . . . is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud . . .

#### Has 100,000 Members

"The John Birch Society will operate under completely authoritative control at all levels . . . no collection of debating societies is ever going to stop the Communist conspiracy."

He hoped for 1,000,000 dedicated members to fight with evangelical fervor.

Paul H. Talbert, Los Angeles insurance executive who is one of the society's council members, estimated recently that it might have 100,000 members by the end of 1961. *by the State's House of Rep-*

~~Welch said he was~~ raise \$1,000,000 from sources other than dues during the society's first year—"and even that amount is an awfully small drop in the bucket against what either the direct Communist propagandists or the Reutherite labor bosses are spending against us."

There is no public accounting of either money or membership. Dues are \$24 a year for men and \$12 for women; life memberships are \$1,000, either sex. Appeals for additional voluntary contributions accompany virtually all mailings to members. Welch has said he draws no salary. There are 28 full-time employees at headquarters and the society is reported to be the largest single source of revenue for the Belmont, Mass., Post Office next door.

Another 35 salaried persons work around the country as co-ordinators. An additional 100 work full or almost full time as volunteers.

Welch frankly has borrowed the Communist technique of setting up front groups for specific purposes. He acknowledged that another technique he advocates—the use of loaded questions to smear a suspect he can't prove is a Communist—is "mean and dirty."

#### Secrecy Varies

Chapters operate at widely different levels of secrecy. In North Dakota, meetings are announced on local radio stations and everybody is welcome. The North Dakota organization, with about 400 members in 19 chapters, was active in a proposal to outlaw the Federal income tax, approved

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representatives but killed in the Senate.

In Dallas, Tex., a 32-year-old businessman member of the society wouldn't give his name for publication. His explanation: "Most of our members in Dallas are little people, just like I am. Most of these folks could not take a sustained smear attack. If it came along, they would probably be thrown out of their jobs."

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There is no rule of thumb in Welch's book for members to determine on their own who is or who isn't a Communist, or Communist dupe.

"There are ways of sizing up both individuals and organizations in this battle which come only with experience, a knowledge of the interlocking pieces and personalities and a feel for the way the Communists work," says the "Blue Book."

"And while of course I can make mistakes, too, I know from the way my opinion of various characters, formed independently, has then proved to coincide with the opinion of J. B. Matthews . . . that I have a fairly sensitive and accurate nose in this area . . . so we do not intend to be frustrated by indecisions of this nature."

Matthews is an associate editor of Welch's American Opinion as well as the standard by which he checks his nose for Communists.

Matthews resigned as chief investigator of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's investigating committee in 1953 after the appearance in The American Mercury of Matthews' article stating that Protestant clergymen were "the largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus" in this country.

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The most important activity of the John Birch Society at the moment is its campaign to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren.

In Welch's view, the Supreme Court's school-integration decision and all the racial troubles in the South have been brought about by Communists to foment civil war. "Civil rights" is a Communist slogan, "an exact parallel to the slogan of 'agrarian reform' which they used in China," he has said.



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**ROBERT H. WELCH**

Founder, head of Birch Society

**Mail Called Contemptible**

In his bulletin for March he urged them to write "more letters to the same Congressmen . . . the same letters to more Congressmen" and to the newspapers to prepare the way for undisclosed specific actions.

"There is plenty of evidence that we already have the pot of the Warren impeachment boiling," he said. "What we need now, by adding more fuel and blowing on the fire, is to give that pot a head of steam that will be looked at askance by anybody who might want to sit on the lid . . ."

Congressmen, recently made aware of Welch's old accusation that former President Eisenhower was a Communist, are already looking askance at what they describe variously as a trickle or a flood of pro-Warren mail.

Republican Whip Senator Thomas H. Kuchel of California, who said he had received about 200 such letters since October, described the campaign as "contemptible."

"One may, if he chooses, disagree on occasion with decisions of the Supreme Court,

the votes of a member of Congress, or on a position which the American president takes," Kuchel said. "That is part of our right of free speech. But to attempt to heap slime and abuse on any public figure poses an extremely dangerous problem for self-government in this country."

**Congressman Is Member**

Representative Ken Hechler (D., Va.) told the House March 13 that the desks of many of its members "have been flooded for the past few weeks by a great deal of junk mail which maliciously and unfairly reflects on the integrity of our great Chief Justice of the United States, Earl Warren.

"I would like to know who is paying for all of these mimeographed and duplicated letters and cards . . ."

Representative Edgar W. Hiestand (R., Calif.) is listed by the society as a member of its committee of endorsers. Hiestand said he has been a member of the society for years.

"It is a society of individuals dedicated to fighting Communism," Hiestand said. "They make up their own minds. They are violently anti-Communist. That is the one thing we have in common."

Hiestand said, "A lot of prominent people have been misled by misinformation." He is considering putting into the record a documented reply to charges against the organization.

Representative Gordon Scherer (R., Ohio), a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, also listed as an endorser, said he was not a member of the society, but "I look with favor on it."

The Senate Internal Security subcommittee is replying to inquiries with a form letter over the signature of its chairman, Senator James O. Eastland (D., Miss.).

It reads: "The John Birch Society, about which you asked, is known to be a conservative anti-Communist organization officially. We are happy to state that it seems to be, from our records, a patriotic organization. Very truly yours . . ."

All senators are not so sure. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) told the Senate, "Something ought to be done to lay the facts before the American people so they can judge this organization for what it is."

In California, Gov. Edmund G. Brown said March 21 that

he had asked State Attorney General Stanley Mosk to look into the organization.

"Unless they violate a law, they have a right to speak," Brown said.

Welch telegraphed Brown the following day demanding a full-dress investigation by the State Senate's Un-American Activities Committee and promising "a dozen or a hundred or a thousand of our members in California will gladly testify."

**Deplores Fascist Label**

Talbert said that if any members plead the Fifth Amendment, "We would just love to find out just who these infiltrators are so that we can get rid of them."

Talbert said, "We all believe in loyalty oaths, preservation of the Connally Amendment, restoration of the investigative powers of the F.B.I. and any other Government committee for the purpose of investigating subversion . . ."

"What is happening to cause supposedly reputable newspapers to refer to us as fascists, neo-fascists, silver shirts, red shirts, black shirts, subversives, and even to compare us with the Ku Klux Klan?"

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Congress was stirred to protest by the John Birch Society's campaign against Chief Justice Warren. But it is the society's attack on churches that apparently has brought

it to the attention of more communities — and has more bitterly divided those communities—than any of its other activities.

It is an attack that has been made for years by some religious fundamentalists and economic conservatives who see as both heresy and Communism the preaching of a social gospel that attempts to apply Biblical teachings to secular and political problems.

The people of Arizona are getting two barrels at the moment. It is one of the Birch Society's biggest states. And it is receiving similarly concentrated attention from the American Council of Christian Churches, a fundamentalist group which has been waging hot war of words for many years against the larger National Council of Churches.

The division has been intensified by controversy over the House Committee on Un-American Activities' motion picture, "Operation Abolition," which is being promoted by the Birch Society, among others, and which the National Council of Churches, among others, has recommended not be shown without the presentation of serious questions about its accuracy.

The Rev. Carl McIntire, a defrocked Presbyterian minister who is a spokesman for the American Council, devoted his nationwide radio program on two successive weeks to

the situation in Phoenix, replying to a defense of the National Council issued by 122 Phoenix clergymen.

#### False Witness?

In Santa Barbara, Calif., members of the First Presbyterian Church received through the mail a Birch Society "questionnaire" attacking its own church leadership and that of the National Council.

The Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and a former National Council president, flew to Santa Barbara to accuse the Birch Society in a sermon; his test

"Thou shalt not bear false witness..."

"If you let these propagandists have their way they will divide this church right down the middle between 'Communists' and 'fascists' hating each other, labeling each other, and distrusting each other," Blake said.

At Amarillo, Tex., Brig. Gen. William L. Lee, retired commander of the Amarillo Air Force Base, is head of the local Birch organization. He denied the society has anything to do with the rumored circulation of a list charging five prominent local men are Communists.

Lee said there are no Communists in Amarillo. But he acknowledged that the society is stirring up friction in local churches.

"We have documented proof that the National Council has been infiltrated by Communists and some of these ministers just won't listen to us," Lee said.

#### Antilabor Stand Told

The Amarillo group has been less successful in another campaign. The public library refused to yield to its demand that it call off a "Great Decisions" discussion series sponsored by the 42-year-old Foreign Policy Association.

At Wichita, Kan., the society has moved to battle in policy matters in P.T.A.'s, the library and college. According to George H. Lewis, assistant professor of economics at the University of Wichita and director of the Kansas Council for Industrial Peace, "they virtually control the Wichita Chamber of Commerce and seem to have a dominant influence in the state Chamber organization.

"One of their major objectives in the state is to destroy collective bargaining. They are preparing to push through some vicious antilabor legislation during the next session."

Members of the society from coast to coast have professed themselves undisturbed by Welch's pre-society charge that President Eisenhower was not a dupe but a Communist.

"If he (Eisenhower) is one,

he doesn't know it," said a Santa Barbara woman.

Spruille Braden, a former U. S. ambassador and a member of the society's council, said he didn't agree with the charge but that it in no way led him to question Welch's judgment on other matters.

"He may exaggerate sometimes," Braden said of Welch.

"When you're in a barroom

frawl, no holds are barred.

You don't fight by the Marquess of Queensbury rules."

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(D) THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, (JBS) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F), dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning [redacted] a [redacted] Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign. SAC Letter 60-5 (C), dated January 26, 1960, advised that in December, 1958, Welch created an organization called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

Recently, a printer in Santa Barbara, California, advised he had received an order from JBS to print 10,000 copies of my poster, "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." The JBS also requested the printer to print an addition on the poster to the effect that this statement was being distributed under the auspices of the JBS. We have advised the printer that the FBI has not given approval for JBS to reproduce the poster nor could the FBI approve of the addition to the poster reflecting its distribution by JBS.

In view of this irresponsible organization's attempt to capitalize on the FBI's prestige, no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to JBS or to any of its representatives. You should be alert to the possibility that this group may attempt to reproduce Bureau publications and distribute them giving the impression that the FBI sanctions JBS. Immediately advise the Bureau of any such information coming to your attention. Further, any requests by JBS to reproduce Bureau publications should be turned down.

Very truly yours,

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~~THE WORLD IS MY BEAT~~

By Inez Robb

## Neo-McCarthyism Imperils U.S.

In this time of danger, the nation  
cannot afford the divisive tactics  
of self-appointed supermen

NEW YORK  
If there is one threat the United States cannot tolerate or endure at this critical juncture in its history, it is the divisive tactics of a self-appointed group of egomaniacs who cry "Unclean!" and hint treason on the part of any citizens who dares to think differently from this self-nominated elite.

This nation is in a time of troubles so grave that it cannot afford the folly or the schism inherent in the revival of McCarthyism raised to the nth degree.

The Communist threat to this country has never been more grave or more determined. But the overwhelming threat to our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor is not and never has been within this nation.

The steady, relentless threat to this nation and its citizens is from without, and has been since Communist power reached world-wide proportions.

### Unity Now Vital

With Communist pressure growing every minute, with that pressure leapfrogging the Atlantic to land only 90 miles off the American mainland, this nation cannot afford or permit the divisive tactics of the extreme right, any more than it can submit to divisive tactics of the extreme left.

If there is one time in its history when the nation must stand united in all its strength, it is now. We waged World War II to lick a group of "supermen" and the idea that such an elite could exist. Surely, we are not now about to engage in the folly of allowing a group of self-appointed supermen, whether they be enlisted in the John Birch Society or the White Citizen Councils, to accuse as



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Communists and Communist tools all who disagree with them and their aims by jot or tittle.

As a nation, we are just now recovering from the terrible, divisive tactics of McCarthyism. If the American public and the American Congress allow its revival in an even more brutal and arrogant form, then the only sound conclusion is that our country's boast of literacy is a fake.

It is unthinkable that the United States has so little regard for the rule of law that it is willing to abrogate its duty to fight subversion, from right, left, front or center. I believe the Justice Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Congress are still amply capable of doing their duty in this field.

#### May Attack Hoover

It is not beyond the realm of possibility that the John Birch Society, now crying for the blood of Chief Justice Earl Warren, will soon be demanding the head of J. Edgar Hoover. It seems doubtful if Hoover endeared himself to the Birch-rodgers when he recently expressed, in the April law-enforcement bulletin, his dislike of "vigilante action" by citizens opposed to Communism.

The chief of the F.B.I. pointed out that only the Communists stand to gain from any division created by "certain people across the country who engage in reckless charges against one another."

Hoover added a powerful warning to these groups of willful little men, who see treason in all who disagree with them, when he wrote, "The ingredients for Communism's coups in nations which have fallen under its spell always include a populace shaken with fear, hysteria and confusion."

"Fear, hysteria and confusion" are the stock in trade of these present crackpot groups.

Such is my faith in Hoover that I believe, in a crisis, the head of the F.B.I. could jail within six hours every important Communist in the country. That is work for experts, not for rockheads who believe that men who are not as they are, are, ipso facto, Judases reincarnate.



After V-J Day by the  
Communists. He was 57  
when he died.

Robert Welch never  
forgot of his Uncle Bill until  
he received the following re-  
markable telegram from the  
U.S. F.T.C. on March 11, 1947:

"Dear Uncle Bill,  
We are sending you a copy  
of the first American news  
that we ever heard of  
the Communists and the new  
communist world which  
you predicted."

After being released from  
prison, he came to the United  
States and became a citizen.  
He was a member of the  
Communist Party and was  
involved in the Rosenberg Case but  
Carl Warren, to reward  
him for his services, law to root  
out communism, he was  
not charged with treason. Al-  
though he was a com-  
munist, he was not  
a traitor or any other.  
Welch died with Russia.

WELCH was born in In-  
dianapolis, Indiana, on Jan-  
uary 1, 1890. He is now 87 years old.  
He has been continually  
restricting himself to a diet of  
potato chips, bacon and  
four years at the  
University of North Caro-  
lina, he has written  
two books, "The Mystery  
of the Atom" and "The  
Secrets of the Atom".

The author, C. Welch,  
is dead.

**DOES IT NOT** rule that individual members of Congress have a right to speak for themselves? There are many of us up both individuals and organizations in this state who believe that the Senate's action in passing the bill to prohibit the use of the word "communist" in the Constitution is unconstitutional. We are going to do what we can to stop it.

April 23, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Madrid Bldg  
503 S 3rd St  
Louisville Ky

Dear Sir:

The following names that are given below are [redacted] or  
[redacted] is a phony organization. b7C

I believe that this organization is connected with the  
John Rurch Society, which is Communistic.

This organization promotes money campaigns, which are phonies.  
for instances the campaign for building a new church, and  
they have never started-building a church. This phony campaign  
has been going on for the past two years. Then they come out  
with an Investment Plan, which is another phony way of getting  
money out of its members. Each deacon is paid by the pastor or  
so called leader of the church to keep their mouth shut and  
also each deacon keeps two separate books, one for inspection by  
its members and the other book which they use for their own benefit  
to pay their own expenses, out of. In another words, the pastor  
and deacons are guilty of stealing funds from its church members.

b7C They have a new pastor of the church because the old pastor  
whose name is [redacted] Jeffersontown Ky, who was ran out  
of Jeffersontown because of defrauding its members.

Instead of using the church funds LIKE they should be used,  
these deacons or pastor are guilty of obtaining money under  
false pretenses.

The new pastor's name is unknown and the following names are  
the so called deacons of this phony church.

[redacted] (THE LEADER OR PASTOR OF THE SCANDAL)

Jeffersontown Ky

[redacted] ( DEACON OF THE CHURCH FUNDS AND OPERATING  
A PHONY BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF KY called  
[redacted] AND OPERATES WITHOUT  
a license.

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[redacted] ( DEACON OF THE CHURCH FUNDS )

Jeffersontown Ky

[redacted] ( DEACON OF THE CHURCH FUNDS )

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## Let Mr. Welch Continue Talking

WE DO NOT KNOW how many converts Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, is making on his talking tour of Southern California. The number may be sizable. Six thousand persons paid a dollar each to hear him in Los Angeles the other day.

On the other hand, it is at least possible that Welch is making even more enemies than he is friends. It may be that in indulging in his unquestioned right to free speech, Welch is exposing, not glorifying, his ultra-conservative cause.

### Question Ducked

In his public addresses, Welch is exposing himself to the give and take of ideas. That is, he started out doing it. It may be that his experience in Santa Barbara Wednesday has made him shun any question-and-answer periods in the future. One of his questioners there backed Welch into a corner ("Do you advocate distributing anti-Semitic literature?"), that the speaker could escape only by dodging the question. Well, if he isn't willing to answer as simple a question as that, he obviously is far from being the brave, forthright, rugged individualist that he seeks to portray. Even those who would not mind if Welch has anti-Semitic views must be disillusioned if their hero is too timid to say frankly what his views are.

But even if Welch ducks the question-and-answer period in the future, his set speeches have been of the type that must repel more persons than they attract. In his Los Angeles speech, for example, he said: "Protestant ministers do not become Communists, but Communists do become Protestant ministers. . . . There are about 200,000 ministers, and only about 7,000 of them could be called Comsymps (Communists or sympathizers with Communists)."

### People Will Decide

The late Senator McCarthy tossed round figures like this around with the same abandon Welch is now using. But we think or at least hope that the bulk of the American people, conservatives, liberals, or whatever, have learned to be a little more sophisticated, a little more skeptical, than they were a decade ago. They have been through this sort of thing before.

If Welch can document his charge that 7,000 Protestant ministers are "Comsymps," well and good. Let him do it. But until that day, the American people will be justified in looking upon Welch as something less than authoritative. And as long as Welch indulges in unproved assertions that, until they are proved, can only be classified as wild, we believe he will gradually lose the respect of many of those who consider themselves conservatives.

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## Birch Organizer Rejects Goldwater As A 'Socialist'

By JOYCE SCHULLER  
United Press Writer

Chicago, April 14—A John Birch Society organizer with visions of an ultrarightist third political party today rejected U.S. Senate conservative leader Barry Goldwater for his "socialism."

Kent Courtney, chairman of the Independent American Forum, pushed aside a suggestion of Goldwater's presidential candidacy for the third party yesterday at the opening of a three-day "convention of conservatives."

Courtney, of New Orleans,



Associated Press Wirephoto  
Kent Courtney (left), Florence Fowler Lyons and Representative Edgar W. Hiestand (R., Calif.) pledge allegiance to the Flag at start of a Chicago meeting.

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has expressed hopes a rally on "New Party Day" tomorrow will produce the nucleus of a political organization he said would show "conservatives are in a majority in this country."

He said he would be "glad to run" for the presidency "if we can't get anyone better." But he said Goldwater, acknowledged spokesman for the G.O.P. conservative wing, had drifted too far to the left.

The Arizona, Republican tainted himself with socialism when he backed Richard Nixon in 1960," Courtney said.

Today's sessions centered on participating groups that Courtney said normally are not classified as "patriotic." They were the National Committee for Economic Freedom, the Trades Policy Committee, and the National Right-To-Work Committee.

The convention also heard from University of Wisconsin student Roger W. Claus, listed as a representative of the "young conservatives."

"We reject the economic delusion of the New Deal," Claus said in a prepared statement. "When the body politic wakes up from its dream of a Utopia-not-to-come and regains its moral equilibrium, it may listen to us and learn again the principles that made this country great."

**Welcomes Birch Participation**  
Courtney was asked yesterday about the role of the Birch Society at the meeting. The controversial group has drawn Congressional fire for its efforts to impeach Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Courtney said he would welcome Birch Society participation in the new third-party convention but that the society has no official connection. He said, however, that a third of the convention speakers and many delegates are Birch Society members.

He said it was important to impeach Warren because the action would set a precedent.

"Once they impeach Warren, they can impeach other justices, like Hugo Black, who has a perfect record for always coming out on the side of the Communists," Courtney said.

## General Denies Program Is Linked To Birch Society

Augsburg, Germany, April 14 (UPI)—Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker denied today that his division information program is connected with the controversial John Birch Society.

He also declared that statements attributed to him alleging prominent American political leaders are "pink" or Communist are untrue.

The general, commander of the 24th Infantry Division here, who would destroy it," issued his statement after a privately owned servicemen's newspaper, Overseas Weekly, claimed his division was exposed to "a propaganda barrage on the philosophy of the controversial John Birch Society."

The newspaper said this campaign was run by "special warfare" programs set up by Walker. Asked to comment, Walker stated:

"The special-warfare section of the headquarters staff of the 24th Infantry Division coordinates the pro-blue program, which is original and extensive in source material. The program is not associated or affiliated with any organization or society. It is designed to develop the understanding of American military and civil heritage, responsibility toward that heritage, and the tactics Communists."

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## The Birch Society Embarrasses

### The G.O.P.

By Gerald W. Johnson  
In The New Republic

ASSUREDLY, EVERY RATIONAL American ought to bestow a pish and a couple of tutts on this John Birch Society. Calling Eisenhower a Communist! And John Foster Dulles! And even Gumption Allen! It deserves as severe a tut-tutting as Eisenhower gave Joe McCarthy when he called George C. Marshall a traitor. Come to think of it, though, Eisenhower decided not to say a word in that case; so let it go that the John Birch Society deserves a worse tut-tutting than McCarthy got.

The John Birch Society also deserves its day in court. The Mafia, the Purple Gang, the worst imaginable combination of hoodlums deserves its day in court, including the right to present its defense and to expose the lies, if any, of the witnesses against it. But since this right is not recognized in a typical investigation by the Un-American Activities Committee, not even the John Birch Society should be subjected to the Committee's typical investigation.

To be sure, steps should be taken to make public the objective, provable facts about this or any other organization that seeks to influence public opinion. For instance, who puts up the money?

Then, again, who writes the propaganda? For instance, who called Eisenhower a Communist? If it were shown that the author was some man of sense, with a reputation for probity, the charge might be serious. But we all know that the country is full of scivvers—some of them, unfortunately, shrewd fellows—whose pens are for sale to the highest bidder, and not a very high bidder at that. Some of them, for a dollar and a half in hand paid will cheerfully insult God, country and Yule, and boast of it.

An investigation that will bring out the facts is most desirable; but its record does not suggest that the Un-American Activities Committee can conduct one. Chairman Walter, indeed, professed at the start to see no need for any investigation, and a man who thinks it useless is not likely to make his inquiry very thorough.

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*G.O.P. Leaders Outraged*

Outraged Republicans, seeing how this stick has tarred their party from top to bottom, are shouting for punitive action. This is understandable, but its wisdom is open to question. It may be plausibly argued that there is a place for the John Birch Society in our political system as it is at present constituted. We have no political equivalent of the antibiotics that have revolutionized the practice of medicine in recent years.



It has kept the party too sick to gain control of Congress except for two brief intervals in thirty-one years. But in the whole range of political therapeutics there was no known way of eliminating it without killing the party.

Suppose, for the sake of argument, this John Birch movement signalizes the drawing together of all those poison-generating organisms into one huge carbuncle. The situation would still be serious. Heaven knows, such an affliction on Uncle Sam's neck might well cause him to remember McCarthyism as a mere pimple; and yet it could be the precursor of a healthier day, for carbuncles can be removed.

In every large society there is an anti-social element, a vestigial reminder from early history or pre-history, as useless as the vermiform appendix in the body and carrying the same menace of sudden inflammation, suppuration and rupture.

We have had Know-Nothingism, Ku Kluxism and McCarthyism. In every case recovery came only after the thing had become concentrated enough to be lanced usually by the blade of public ridicule. Possibly the John Birch Society is such a concentration.

If that is the case, civilized Republicans need not view it with too much alarm. After all, opposition to the modernization of American political policy has been endemic in their party, producing local symptoms at points widely separated as Goldwater in Arizona and that man Welch in Massachusetts. It harried Eisenhower throughout his eight years in the White House. It was the nemesis of Nixon. Without ever becoming violent,

it has kept the party too sick to gain control of Congress except for two brief intervals in thirty-one years. But in the whole range of political therapeutics there was no known way of eliminating it without killing the party.

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However, all experience shows that their successful treatment is by surgery, not by butchery.

Agitated Republicans hoping to save their party must be careful to pick up a scalpel, not a cleaver, and the keenest of scalpels is humor. The original John Birch, they say, was a disciple of a once-celebrated Texas cleric whom Mencken habitually referred to as the Rev. Two-Gun Norris, in view of the fact that he twice stood trial, once for burning his own church, and once for shooting one of his parishioners. Such a background offers ample opportunity to modern G.O.P. satirists. If they are equal to it, the party has little to fear from this threat.

## 23 Ministers Urge Magruder To Quit

His Rightist Activities Prompt Ouster Move;  
He Retorts That 'Double Charges' Beset Him

By ORA SPAED

The resignation of Dr. N. Burnett Magruder, executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches and also a member of the John Birch Society, was called for last night by 23 United Church of Christ ministers.

A letter asking for the resignation because of "weak and ineffective executive leadership" was read at an emotionally charged meeting of the council's executive board at the Downtown Y.M.C.A. at which the board voted to return the controversial film, "Operation Abolition," to its film library for circulation.

### Doctors' Query Causes Stir

The board voted to return the letter to the ministers for "more details" on the charge of "weak and ineffective leadership." But the stormy debate of the meeting left no doubt that it was Dr. Magruder's right-wing activities that prompted the charge.

Another controversy was oc-

casioned by an inquiry from the Jefferson County Medical Society on whether the Louisville Council has any connection with the National Council of Churches.

It was brought out that doctors have said they would not make financial contributions to any organization that had anything to do with the National Council of Churches.

The Louisville council is an independent group.

### Progress Report Given

The Louisville council's board has had a committee working for a month on "the role of the executive director

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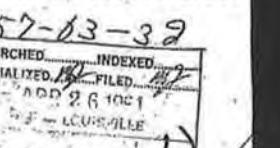
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## 23 Ministers Call On Director Of Church Council To Quit

### Ineffective Leadership Is Assailed

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(Dr. Magruder) in controversial issues."

The committee's chairman, the Rev. R. T. Perkins, pastor of St. Matthew's Methodist Church, gave a progress report and said his committee would not have a recommendation until the board's May meeting.

It was then that the Rev. E. F. Norton, pastor of Bethany Methodist Church and president of the council, read the letter asking the council to take steps asking for the resignation of Dr. Magruder before August 1, 1961.

#### Clerk Sends Letter

The letter came from the clerk of the United Church of Christ Ministerium of The Falls Cities, an organization of ministers of 23 Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian churches.

When Mr. Norton suggested that the letter be returned for more details, the Rev. Donald A. Buchhold, pastor of Grace Emmanuel United Church of Christ, spoke up.

"Let's not deceive ourselves," he said. "We know what the issues are, and he mentioned Dr. Magruder's membership in the John Birch Society and his articles published last year in a periodical of Associated Industries in Kentucky. A controversy broke out over the A.I.K. articles, in which Dr. Magruder suggested that Protestantism was being infiltrated by Marxist thought."

#### Debate Follows

Then followed a lengthy debate in which various board members spoke of fear for the future of the council's work.

The Rev. A. W. Walker, pastor of Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, deplored the driving of "a divisive wedge" into the council. To which Mr. Buchhold responded, "Who's driving the wedge? You seem to suggest that it is our group that is responsible for the wedge. We have stated our position that the wedge is Dr. Magruder and his activities."

Some of the cross currents in the council were drawn out in the discussion of a letter Mr. Norton read that he had written to the medical society. It pointed out that the Louisville council was an independent body with no connection with the National Council of Churches.

It's Co-operative Body

Mr. Buchhold took issue, stating that "many churches (in the Louisville council) are in wholehearted support of the national council."

Mr. Norton replied that his denomination, The Methodist church, was a strong member of the national council and "I could not have signed it (the

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(letter) if it had reflected on the national council."

The Louisville council is a co-operative body of churches, in contrast to the National Council of Churches, which is a body of denominations. Further, the Louisville council has in its membership many Southern Baptist churches, while the Southern Baptist Convention has consistently refused to join the national council.

The council's board heard a report last night from a committee charged with looking into the possibility of changing the name of the Louisville council to something like Louisville Church Federation.

#### Differ On U. S. Body

This was intended to make clear that the Louisville council has no connection with the national council. But the committee declined to recommend a name change.

The Louisville council is one of few in the nation in which Southern Baptists have taken an active part. It has always existed as a working and sometimes tenuous coalition of churches whose denominational bodies differ on membership in the national council.

Dr. Magruder said that for every inquiry the council receives about the John Birch Society, it gets 20 that question the council's relationship with the national council. And, he said, "The objections to the national council do not come from Baptist sources." Dr. Magruder is a Southern Baptist.

#### Holds Up Brief Case

Dr. Magruder said, "I'm the only man in America caught in the double charge that I am rightist and the council is leftist."

In reference to the complaint against Dr. Magruder, the council president, Mr. Norton, held up a brief case which he said was full of letters. "Eighty per cent of these declare allegiance to Dr. Magruder and 20 per cent are the other way." He said he had been getting countless telephone calls in regard to Dr. Magruder—as many as 30 or 40 a day—and 80 per cent of them were supporting Dr. Magruder.

The council's film library committee reported that its members had viewed the film "Operation Abolition," and recommended that it be "made available on a courtesy basis with informative materials."

The materials include a report by F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover; a letter from Representative Francis E. Walter, chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee; a report by Representative John H. Rousset; and editorial reprinted from The Dallas Morning News, and a pamphlet published by the National Council of Churches.

#### Thinks All Should See It

The chairman of the committee, the Rev. Robert H. Alston, pastor of Hazelwood Baptist Church, said the committee felt that if it withheld the film from distribution "we would be

showing a sense of being biased. On the other hand, if we put it out and push it, we would also be taking a stand."

He went on to say that after seeing the film, which shows student demonstrations against the House Un-American Activities Committee, "I didn't believe this could happen in America. Every American citizen ought to see this film."

The church council was given a copy of the film by an undisclosed donor and circulated it until it was withdrawn pending the committee's investigation.

The vote to return the film to circulation was 17 to 4. The four ministers voting against the action asked that their votes be recorded.

#### Committee Named

They are Mr. Buchhold; the Rev. Arthur Hall, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Robert S. Matthes, pastor of Zion United Church of Christ, and the Rev. Olof Anderson, Jr., executive secretary of the Louisville presbytery.

Members of the committee investigating Dr. Magruder are Mr. Perkins, chairman; Mr. Matthes; the Rev. David Nelson, pastor of Highland Baptist Church; B. A. Larke, a layman of Hill Street Baptist Church; the Rev. Ivan Shelbourne, pastor of Shawnee Christian Church; Edward Logsdon, a layman, and Ernest E. Lyon, evangelist of Highland Church of Christ.

USER IN MERCER HERESY TRIALS

## Birch, Like Namesakes, Was Center Of Controversy

By GEORGE A. DOSS, JR.

Macon, Ga., April 24.—John

Moritz Birch, a ministerial student

here 22 years ago, was a holder of extremely

controversial views just as

the ultra-conservative society

bearing his name today.

Birch, then not quite 21, was

the leader of a secret group of

students who sought to

purge Mercer

University of

five faculty

members

charged with

teaching heretical

doctrines

on the Baptist

confession.

The faculty members were cleared at a hearing before members of the board of trustees. Police escorted Birch and his fellow fundamentalists from the campus the night of March 20, 1938, for their own safety.

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society in 1955, did not know John Birch in 1938, at a time prior to his death at the hands of Chinese Communist guerrillas in 1945; 10 days after V-J Day.

Nonetheless, a similarity exists between the two men, Welch says. Both are prominent clergymen and such prominent persons as former President Eisenhower and Chief Justice Earl Warren have been accused or implicated in the accusations by Birch's student group that "all denominational institutions are reeking with heresy."

Welch says he first heard of Birch while reading a newspaper obituary article bearing report dealing with his death. He says Birch was the first unarmed American casualty of World War II, that he was killed by the Communists at the last opportunity after the war because of the powerful influence he would have been able to inspire against them.

Says Mr. Birch's wife:

"Birch's mother, Mrs. George S. Birch of Macon, said in an interview that as long ago as 1938, she, Mrs. Birch, had given all her life in an effort to warn Americans of the danger from Communism, and that his discipline was deliberately kept from the public by Government censorship."

Mr. and Mrs. Birch, themselves missionaries in India where John was born in 1918, and for two and a half years thereafter, traveled about the country for several years after the war in their efforts to earn the motto of their son's

former Army intelligence officer who served during World War II: "Truth will prevail." Birch or his wife, or his death have been in recent statements that he was killed when he tried to bluff his way out of a difficult situation which on a mission in Communist territory. There is a difference as to whether Birch, a missionary turned Office of Strategic Services captain, died a hero.

Birch was not generally regarded a hero by the Mercer University students. At the time of the heresy trial he inspired one of the placards displayed on the campus at the time read, "Lynch Saint Birch."

Car Was Stoned.

One member of the Birch "fundamentalist" group was rescued from a crowd of students during the heresy trial by Dr. Joseph Crudup, one of the faculty members the Birch group accused and now president of Braman College, Gainesville, Fla., one of which the left the campus was stoned. Another associate of Birch was escorted to police headquarters for his safety and appealed for protection of his home during the night.

According to Dr. Spaight Dowell, Mercer president emeritus who was head of the institution at the time, the heresy attack was aimed primarily at Dr. John F. Freeman, 75-year-old man, the 75-year-old head of the Christianity department, was, in the words of the committee which investigated the charges, a man of 50 years who had been a Baptist preacher and teacher, a man greatly beloved, a leader among the Baptists of the state, one who through his work was regarded as a semi-expert in theology.

Dr. Dowell noted in his book

"A History of Mercer University," published in 1958, that only three of the complaining students were in classes taught by Dr. Freeman. "Twenty of their classmates resented the attack and would not state that Dr. Freeman's teaching was doctrinally sound, spirituous, vain and genuinely Christian."

Dr. Freeman resigned shortly

after the heresy trials and died

in 1942.

Birch and his 12 associates,

a fundamentalist minority

among approximately 800 stu-

dents at the school,

wrote letters to 1,000 Baptist

ministers in Georgia leveling

charges against the faculty

members. The students charged

the professors with

saying,

"There

were no such persons."

and Dr. F. C. Starnes, another

attacker, stated

he believed in Jesus Christ to be saved". "The Bible contradicts itself". "It was not necessary for Christ to die to free man from sin, and the Bible was not divinely inspired."

The Mercer student newspa-

per urged editorially the dis-

missal of the accusing stu-

dents.

A portion of a newspaper column

written by George Burt,

now editor of The Louisville

Times, said then in an edi-

torial in The Macon News,

"... it is the attitude of re-

lief to open their minds to

the very things they are attend-

ing which makes

them so disgraced and so trag-

ic.... They have decided that

they know all there is to know

about it and that therefore any-

thing they don't know about is

nothing."

Birch apparently was satis-

fied with his campaign against

the faculty members. On an

early trip to China as a

seminary boy he may have had

difficulty because the seminary

he attended was not fully rec-

ognized. His knowledge of the

Chinese language and his ex-

periences with people in cen-

tral China through his mission-

ary work enabled him to sell

U.S. forces and he was com-

missioned in the Army.

A former classmate and

friend said that before Birch

left Mercer, he became a fol-

lower of Dr. J. Frank Norris

of Fort Worth. Welch noted in

his biography of Birch that

Birch had accepted the

World Fundamentalist

Baptist Fellowship

to go to China but the biogra-

phy never mentioned Norris.

Early in World War II Birch

tried to join the Army as a

seminary boy he may have had

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missioned in the Army.

Mrs. Birch, who talks freely

about her late son and says she

and her husband are "heartily

in accord" with the proposals

of the John Birch Society, is

acreative about local activities

of the society.

Mrs. Birch, a large, buxom

woman,

and her husband, are fa-

miliar figures at public meet-

ings and they frequently go to protest.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Birch are

frequent writers of letters to

local editors.

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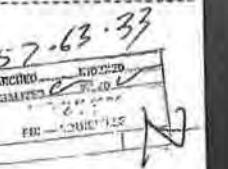
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**ASKS Birch Society Goal**

To the Editor: The local John Birch Society membership, secret or otherwise, has not filed articles of incorporation, setting forth the purposes, or statement of principles, for organizing as they have a legal right to do under our Kentucky Revised Statutes. Although the society approves secret membership rolls, it limits local "cells" to "30" members, so as to cloak them with a sense of importance and superiority. It directs infiltration into honorable and worthy groups, including the P.T.A., with secret orders. I invite them to incorporate and state their justification for such strange tactics and how their philosophy can defeat Communism better than our F.B.I., C.I.A., our law enforcement departments and our courts. Is it their plan to replace these agencies which protect our freedoms and support our democracy without the use of hate and prejudice, or is it to weaken them? Or distract our faith in them by suspicion and ridicule?

The society is employing prejudice, ridicule, malice and hate in other senseless objectives. They seem to hide behind their proposed fight against Communism.

Hate, prejudice, and malice, and intolerance are never particular about the company they keep or the human beings who make use of them. It is time that all freedom-loving folks assess carefully and judge wisely the real purposes of the society and its membership. Are they opposing more than just Communism? HOWARD LEE VAN ARSDALE, Louisville.

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## **Presbyterians Plan Birch Study Before Deciding On Magruder**

By CONNIE COURTEAU

The clergy and elders of the Presbytery of Louisville will make a study of the John Birch Society before taking any stand on the activities of the executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches, Dr. N. Burnett Magruder.

The Presbytery yesterday agreed that all available information on the Birch Society should be sent to the 56 member churches in about two weeks.

The Council of Churches situation, it was agreed, will be considered at another meeting of the Presbytery called for next month to consider other business.

The Presbytery, meeting at Beechmont Presbyterian Church, took no action on two communications (proposed resolutions) put before it. Neither specifically mentioned Dr. Magruder. But both stemmed from the current controversy within the council and member churches concerning Dr. Magruder's espousal of right-wing causes, and what some felt was identification of the council with the John Birch Society because of Dr. Magruder's membership in it.

Deplores "Impediment"

One, written by Dr. Frank Caldwell, president of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, said that in the present era of tension when Christian unity is imperative, the Presbytery "deplores the reckless impediment of respected national political leaders and of the Protestant clergy" and fears the "impair-

ment of the co-operative work of the Louisville Council of Churches under executive leadership which identifies itself with such divisive name-calling."

The other, written by Prof. Kenneth Phipps of the seminary faculty, expressed deep regret "at recent newspaper publicity identifying leaders of the Louisville Council of Churches with the political and economic views" of the John Birch Society, and asked the Presbytery to go on record as "disassociating itself from political attacks upon men in public life."

The Presbytery accepted the recommendation of a five-member committee named to study the communications that no action be taken on them at the time.

Those taking part in the discussion agreed that no personal attack on Dr. Magruder was meant. In question, they indicated, was identification of the council or its member churches with what Dr. Caldwell's communication called any group which would use the church for purposes other than those of Jesus Christ.

Urges Integration Action

The Presbytery approved a resolution deplored continued segregation of eating places and other facilities and urging several steps. Among them:

"That the Mayor's emergency integration committee, now all-white, be made biracial. It also deplored lack of a representative of the clergy on the committee, although it did

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not specifically ask that one be added.

✓ Asking an end to mass sit-ins and demonstrations, but emphasizing "mass."

✓ Urging Presbyterians to write letters of approval to merchants who desegregate their lunch facilities and the like, and letters of disapproval to those who do not.

✓ Urging individual churches to affirm the stand of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., that all people are welcome, regardless of race or color.

✓ Asking that Presbyterian businessmen hire their employees on the basis of their qualifications for the jobs in question.

The Presbytery also approved a resolution commanding the Newport Ministerial Association for its stand against vice and corruption and assuring that organization of "our moral support and prayers."

News Coverage Criticized

Newspaper coverage came under fire during the meeting.

The Presbytery voted to take out paid advertising to make its position clear on the integration question if a committee felt that newspaper reporting of the resolution was inadequate.

"It's hard for the public to determine which is reporting and which is facts," one supporter of the advertising said.

Another, during discussion of the Council of Churches questions, said "don't take the newspapers as a guide" for information about the Birch society.

## Watkins Says Post Had 'Strings'

### Won't Dishonor Self And Quit Birch Society

S. Rayburn Watkins said yesterday that his refusal to withdraw from the John Birch Society means that he will not become executive vice-president of the American Retail Federation.

Watkins said he had been assured he would be named to the post by federation directors if he would leave the ultraconservative and controversial Birch group.

Board chairman Read Jenkins confirmed earlier this month that Watkins was slated for the post with the federation, largest retail-business organization in the country.

**With A.I.K. Since '55**  
Watkins has been executive vice-president of Associated Industries of Kentucky since 1955.

In a statement, Watkins said, "I find it impossible to disjoin my principles from whatever talent I may have and merchandise them separately. I am not a person of such pliable conviction that I can, willy-nilly, alter my conscience for the accommodation of obtaining any situation in the land."

#### Won't Dishonor Self

"I have often observed and complained about the fact that too few men will stick to principle under fire. I have seen truth sacrificed repeatedly for quick material and political gain, but I have no intention of dishonoring myself by doing likewise. In fact, I am disappointed that it was even hinted that I should do so."

"I did not seek the offer from the American Retail Federation nor apply for the job nor work to get the appointment. . . . It was unfortunate that the extraneous consideration of a man's freedom of conscience was then injected into the picture."

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**Champions Dr. Magruder**

To the Editor of The Courier-Journal:

I was dismayed to read of the 23 United Church of Christ ministers who called for the resignation of Dr. N. Burnett Magruder. Dr. Magruder has taken a fearless stand in telling the truth and, I quote, "Christian ministers do not become Communists. Communists become ministers."

The church is the greatest bulwark against godless Communism. It is turning ostrich to refuse to recognize the fact that dedicated Communists would enter the seminaries of this, their gravest threat. I was revolted at the four who still wished to abolish the film, "Operation Abolition." It was so reminiscent of Hitler's book burning.

At great personal risk, Dr. Magruder has taken his stand fearlessly for the right. On the left is Communism, which would destroy the Christian Church.

GERTRUDE HARDEMAN,

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS  
FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (80-257)  
SUBJECT: NCUA MOVIE "OPERATION ABOLITION"

An article by GENE SPAID, copy of which is attached, appeared in the 5/4/61 issue of the Courier-Journal, a daily newspaper of general circulation published at Louisville, Kentucky. The article relates to a meeting of the Men's Club of Meadowview Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky, at which time captioned film was shown.

According to the article, the film was criticized by Dr. GEORGE R. EDWARDS, a Professor at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and defended by RICHARD C. OLDEHAM, a Louisville attorney, who resides at 711 Green Ridge Lane, Louisville, Kentucky. The article states that OLDEHAM termed the film a "fair representation" of the demonstrations and called it "an officially sponsored film" distributed by the House Committee and endorsed by FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER.

The article also reflects that during the meeting OLDEHAM stated he was a member of the John Birch Society and thereafter the meeting developed into a debate of that society.

Other than as noted above, the FBI or the Director is not mentioned further in the article.

I am well aware of the Bureau's position in connection with captioned movie, as set forth in SAC Letter No. 66-57, however, to straighten out the newspaper as to our position may well tend to encourage the newspaper to give undue emphasis to the fact that the FBI has not sponsored the film or had anything to do with its preparation. It is recommended, however,

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that I contact Mr. OLDHAM and orally advise him for his future information that the film is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the FBI had no connection with its preparation and that is a matter of policy, therefore, the FBI has never made any comment concerning it either as to endorse or not endorse it.

Louisville indices contain no pertinent identifiable data re ORA SPAID, Dr. GEORGE R. EDWARDS, or Attorney RICHARD C. OLDHAM. SPAID is a writer for the Courier-Journal whose articles generally relate to religious matters.

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Re [redacted] mentioned in attached report, it is noted that Miami's letter to Louisville 10/18/61 re "NSDP RACIAL MATTERS" contains information re [redacted] of West Palm Beach, Florida.

Re the individual referred to as [redacted] in attached report, it is noted that FD-302 dated 3/17/61 at Miami covering information received from [redacted] containing data re one [redacted] Miami file 157-126.

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The NLEC is reportedly a National organization, [redacted] of Louisville, Kentucky being the [redacted]. The organization reportedly has state chairmen in a number of states. The organization is not subject of Bureau investigation, however Bureau has instructed attempts be made to ascertain the identities of state chairmen of the organization and to follow closely the activities of the organization through sources and informants to insure Bureau will be aware of any activity bringing the organization within criteria of Section 133 of M of I re hate type organizations.

Miami will check indices and contact logical racial informants and sources to determine if the NLEC is active within its division or if the NLEC has a state chairman residing within that division. Any pertinent data re activity of the NLEC should be furnished the Bureau and Louisville as should characterization type data of any individual identified as state chairman.

April 8, 1961

I visited with MILLARD GRUBBS of Louisville at GRUBBS' home last evening, Friday, April 7, 1961, for about two hours.

MILLARD GRUBBS said that there have been no recent meetings of his National Law Enforcement Commission in Louisville, Kentucky, or nearby area. He said he is going to make an effort to get together with all state chairmen of the organization sometime in June, 1961. He didn't mention where he hoped to hold such a meeting nor say just whom he hoped would be present. He did mention that he is trying to get the b7C organization started in Florida and said that a fellow named [redacted] and a [redacted] have both indicated that they would be willing to serve as Florida State Chairman of the organization. He also said that [redacted] is the Alabama State Chairman of the organization but that [redacted] is spending most of his time on his own organization, [redacted]. He said [redacted] seems to be doing real well with his organization but seems to be in need of money. He remarked about [redacted] that [redacted] is apparently honest in his fight to oppose integration but that otherwise [redacted] seems to be just trying to make a living without working. b7C

I mentioned to GRUBBS that [redacted] of [redacted] Indiana, had said he would be willing to serve temporarily as Indiana State Chairman of the NLEC, but that he didn't want to take on the job permanently. GRUBBS seemed interested in [redacted] and indicated it would probably be satisfactory for him to serve as Chairman temporarily. I expect GRUBBS will be in contact with [redacted] about this.

GRUBBS also mentioned that he had recently received a letter, I gather within the last week or so, from [redacted] in which [redacted] was asking GRUBBS to donate some money to help get [redacted] out of prison. GRUBBS said he wasn't going to send [redacted] any money as [redacted] knew when he wrote checks which were no good he was breaking the law and therefore he deserved to be in prison. GRUBBS also said he is sort of expecting [redacted] to visit Louisville sometime in b7C the future to pick up some stuff [redacted] left with [redacted] the printer. I don't know what stuff GRUBBS was talking about nor am I acquainted with [redacted] the printer.

GRUBBS mentioned to me that almost every Tuesday he visits people in Louisville who don't want their names known nor connected with GRUBBS. GRUBBS didn't mention the names of any such people but said that such people usually offer him a drink and he will take drinks with the people. He said on last

Tuesday, he got a bit too much to drink and nearly fell down as he was coming out of the Standard Sanitary Company in Louisville.

GRUBBS mentioned the John Birch Society and said he thought it was a good thing as it's waking the people up and getting the people to know that the U. S. Supreme Court is just a tool of the Communists.

GRUBBS mentioned that [redacted] of Louisville is acquainted with [redacted] and [redacted] and recently [redacted] has been sending [redacted] some money every now and then.

GRUBBS asked me concerning [redacted] and [redacted] whether or not I thought they might be homosexuals. GRUBBS was very inquisitive on this point but I told him I had no evidence of b7C this and in my association with them they never made any such approach to me. GRUBBS said he had been hearing rumors that they might be homosexuals and he knows that [redacted] doesn't care too much for his, [redacted] wife.

GRUBBS said that since [redacted] and [redacted] have left Louisville, there have been no meetings or other activity in Kentucky by the National States Rights Party. I also have not heard of such activity having occurred since these fellows left Louisville in June, 1960.

Dr. Magruder Defended

It is unfortunate, and I feel a disservice to our community, the downgrading that Dr. Burnett Magruder and the Louisville Council of Churches are getting through some of our local press, radio and television. It would be helpful and refreshing if the true facts could be given on both sides, so the public could draw their own conclusion.

Among much of the laity, I am finding a growing resentment against the treatment being accorded to Dr. Magruder and the Louisville Council. He is a dedicated man, espousing the cause of Christ and our American way of life as set forth by our forefathers. Surely, many of those who are opposing him are not in possession of the true facts.

J. KENNETH HUTCHERSON, M.D.  
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## *Presbytery Raps Birch Support*

**Doesn't Name Magruder Or Society In Stating Church Stand**

BY DEAN DUNCAN

Without mentioning either by name, the presbytery of Louisville spoke out critically last night on the John Birch Society and Dr. N. Burnett Magruder's membership in it.

Dr. Magruder is executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches.

The Birch Society has been the subject of national debate in recent months. Some have labeled it an ultraconservative group with fascist methods. Others have defended it as a staunch enemy of communism.

**Impairment Of Work Noted**

One of the society's most controversial acts has been to accuse the Protestant National Council of Churches of being soft-on communism.

In a statement prepared at a 2½-hour closed meeting, the presbytery said:

"We are deeply concerned and grieved about the impairment of the co-operative work of the Louisville Council of Churches under executive leadership which identifies itself with divisiveness and irresponsible name-calling.

"The presbytery of Louisville reaffirms its faith in the right of association of individuals for the promotion of their economic and political views within the context of responsible citizenship. At the same time it would remind all Christians of their ultimate allegiance to God alone, as He is revealed in Jesus Christ.

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Shawnee Pastor's Motion

The motion was proposed by the Rev. Alan Shields, pastor of Louisville's Shawnee Presbyterian Church, when he brought up the subject of the Birch Society, and by implication, Dr. Magruder's membership in it.

Mr. Shields said he thought a closed meeting would enable the body to prepare a statement through which it could "speak as a group instead of as individuals."

In a brief but energetic debate, Dr. William R. Clarke, pastor of Second Presbyterian Church here, insisted he would "be no party to a closed session."

Dr. Clark said also he would reserve the right to tell the press later whatever he said in the closed meeting.

Text Speaks For Itself

After the session, he declined to comment, saying the statement spoke for itself. Others followed suit.

The statement took note of "widespread and undocumented charges of communism among the clergy reported in the public press in recent weeks," and answered them by declaring the presbytery's "confidence in the Protestant leadership of America."

"... The Protestant message of the gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest single deterrent to the spread of communism," the statement declared. "We deplore the reckless impeachment of the Protestant clergy and respected national political leaders."

"We call attention to the fact that the General Assembly of our church has examined the charges against the National Council of Churches and has found them without substance and determined to continue our affiliation with the N.C.C."

Warns Against Compromise

"It accord with this principle it would warn against such associations and groups as employ methods compromising this ultimate allegiance.

"It repudiates the concept that a Christian can follow any human leadership without the exercise of discriminating judgment.

"It repudiates the doctrine that worthy ends justify unworthy means.

"It repudiates the sowing of suspicion and irrational fear.

Freedom Of Thought

"It repudiates the implication that those who exercise their right of freedom of thought and depart at any point from the positions held by conservative economic and political groups are necessarily either Communist or Communist dupes.

"It calls upon our members to hold aloft Christian ideals against all attacks upon those ideals from whatever quarter."

The presbytery, made up of ministers and ruling elders from churches in several counties, worked out the statement in executive session at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary here after adopting



A lecture by  
Gordon D. Hall



WITH ANALYSIS OF THE  
JOHN BIRCH  
SOCIETY

The continuing campaigns of organized extremist movements is one of the calculated risks and burdens of a free society. How to lessen this burden and risk within the framework of a free society is at the core of GORDON HALL'S lecture and exhibits.

"... He has been of considerable help in revealing information about extremist groups reported to be undermining some of our finest American institutions and organizations. We shall be happy to recommend Mr. Hall."

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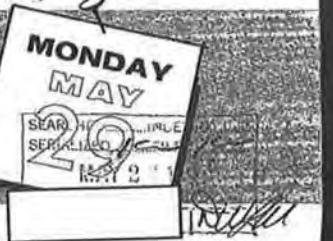
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## Presbytery Of Louisville Criticizes Birch Society

The Presbytery of Louisville has adopted a statement in effect criticizing the John Birch Society and the membership in it of the executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches.

The presbytery's statement did not mention either the Birch Society or Dr. N. Burnett Magruder, counsel executive director, by name.

But in a 2½-hour executive session the Southern Presbyterians left no doubt as to whom their targets were.

The presbytery said it was "deeply concerned and grieved about the impairment of the co-operative work of the Louisville Council of Churches under executive leadership which identifies itself with divisiveness and irresponsible name-calling."

Dr. Magruder, queried today, said he had no comment.

The statement also:

✓ Warned "against such associations and groups as employ methods compromising (the) ultimate allegiance of Christians to the purposes of God as revealed in Jesus Christ."

✓ Repudiated "the doctrine that worthy ends justify unworthy means."

✓ Expressed "confidence in the Protestant leadership in America" and deplored "the reckless impeachment of the Protestant clergy and respected

national political leaders" (who have been accused recently by the Birch Society of being soft on Communism).

✓ Expressed loyalty to the National Council of Churches.

Report Considered

The action was taken at a meeting of the presbytery at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The presbytery had agreed in April to consider the question of the John Birch Society and Dr. Magruder's membership in it.

They asked a five-member committee to prepare a report evaluating the Birch organization to be used in deciding what their stand should be.

The question came up in April because of disagreement within the Louisville Area Council of Churches over Dr. Magruder's membership in the Birch Society.

The society, among other things, has accused the National Council of Churches of being soft on Communism.

The presbytery, made up of clergy and elders from 56 churches in more than 20 counties, voted 29 to 24 last night in favor of a closed-session discussion of what their action should be.

As a result, one source said today, the long period of closed-door discussion brought a vote that was either unanimous or "almost unanimous" in favor of the statement.

The statement declared its confidence in the Protestant leadership of the country, after taking note of "undocumented charges of Communism among the clergy . . ." and declared that "the Protestant message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest single deterrent to Communism." It decried "reckless impeachment" of clergy and political leaders, and of the National Council of Churches. It added:

"The General Assembly of our church has examined charges against the National Council . . . and has found them without substance and determined to continue our affiliation with the N. C. C."

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# Civil Liberties Foes Seen Lacking Faith In Freedom

By BILL WOOLSEY

The fearful Americans who would curb civil liberties in the name of patriotism "make a noise out of all proportion to the size of their membership."

So says Gordon D. Hall, a lecturer and writer whose field is the extremist groups in United States history.

He believes the extremists of today are sincere in what they preach but in his view such organizations as the John Birch Society actually represent "a loss of faith in the ability of a free society to cope with the problems of the 20th Century.

## Tolerant of Extremes

Hall, a 39-year-old Bostonian who has been a professional on the lecture circuit for the past decade, thinks that middle-of-the-roaders need to be reminded constantly of the questionable nature of the patriotism of the far Left and the far Right.

In his own words Hall is "a prod, a gadfly . . . trying to raise the level of public opinion in regard to totalitarianism.

And he offers a gloomy prognosis: The extremists will always be with us. It's one of the things that a free society has to tolerate in order to remain free.

So far as he now sees, he'll keep on writing and lecturing about the loud but thin ranks of the extremists the rest of his life.

## Earns Living By Talks

He is in Louisville to lecture at 8 o'clock tonight on "Patriotism On The Far Right" at the First Unitarian Church, Fourth and York.

The Louisville Unitarians For Social Action and the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union are the sponsors of his appearance. They are charging \$1 for admission to the talk, which



Staff Photo  
**GORDON D. HALL**  
Interviewed over coffee.

will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

He more often talks to Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, church groups, and women's clubs than to social-action groups, Hall said in an interview.

They invite him and pay him a fee. That's how he earns a living for his family. And he's made a lot of speeches in the past 10 years—all over the U. S.

"I am," he said with a grin, "a sort of celebrity in a very small way."

He added, "There isn't anybody else doing exactly what I am."

## Motive Is Patriotism

He began in 1946, just out of the Air Force, to hang up on the extremists.

In 1950 he be-

gan to lecture. The motivation of these groups is patriotism, he says, and the members feel they are serving the best interests of the Republic.

He would not silence them, but he figures there is a place for somebody like himself, seeking to set the record straight, because "the extremist groups . . . badly confuse the electorate."

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## Defends Birch Society

Your article on the front page of the second section of Wednesday, May 24, referring to action by the Presbytery of Louisville begins "Presbytery Raps Birch Support." This inference is untrue.

I voted for those paragraphs of the report, concerning the right of association for promotion of economic and political views and allegiance of all Christians to God alone as revealed in Jesus Christ, as well as the paragraphs repudiating the concepts that a Christian can follow human leadership without the exercise of discriminating judgment, that worthy ends justify unworthy means, that those who differ from conservative, economic and political groups are necessarily Communists or Communist dupes, and also repudiating the sowing of suspicion and irrational fear.

I voted for these statements, because they are in accord with my own religious principles. They are completely consistent with the principles of the Birch Society. The Birch Society does not presume to influence an individual's religious

convictions but it emphasizes the need for religious faith. Birch Society members, of whom I am one, are repeatedly told to take no suggested action if it would violate any principle held by the individual member. The society has never advocated any means to accomplish its purposes except legal and moral means, though your paper has consistently attempted to convince the public otherwise.

The meeting of the Presbytery was a closed meeting, but I notice you did not refer to it as secret or semi-secret, though you have consistently done this in connection with the Birch Society under similar circumstances. How about giving the Birch Society a square deal for a change?

RICHARD C. OLDHAM.

Louisville.

An article about the activities of the John Birch Society in Louisville was published in The Courier-Journal February 19 and reprinted in the society's March bulletin. Robert Welch, the society's founder, explained that the article by Robert Hermann of our news staff took "a middle ground between the vicious attacks and strong praises of the society in other papers."—Editor.

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## Patience Is Suggested In Fighting Extremists

The only democratic way to combat the ideas of extremist organizations "is to be patient and raise the level of public opinion," a specialist on such groups said here last night.

And to do this, Gordon D. Hall, Boston lecturer and writer, advised some 200 listeners at First Unitarian Church to utilize the "weapons" of the extremists.

He said these include letters to congressmen and to newspapers, organization, and meetings to stir up interest in the ideas to be elevated over those of far-right and far-left groups.

Hall warned against having extremist organizations of the right placed on the Attorney General's list of subversives. Even if the listings are accurate, he said, the list is in itself "a totalitarian device."

He also opposed investigations of such organizations by House or Senate committees, contending it is not the function of Congress to make investigations unless they are needed for legislation.

Hall devoted most of his lecture, "Patriotism on The Far Right," to a discussion of the John Birch Society.

He said the only really new thing about the group is the "superior sense of organization" imparted to it by its founder, Robert Welch, a retired candymaker.

Hall said Welch had given the 70,000 or 80,000 members of the society what they had been waiting for by telling them, "I will be your leader, you will follow," and by declaring this to be the only way to defeat communism.

The lecturer described Welch as "a distinguished businessman who knows how to exploit people."

Hall charged that although the John Birch Society does not openly attack Catholics, Jews, or Negroes, it embraces other right-wing groups that do, thereby encouraging such movements.

He said the society belongs to what he termed "movements that are saving us from something." He listed other categories of right-wing extremists as:

1. Those that are "saving us for Christianity"—fringe groups that are outside the main stream of regular churches.

2. States'-rights movements aimed at fighting integration while claiming their only interest is "the loss of the rights of individual communities to control their own affairs."

3. Groups such as the American Nazi Party that make a bold bid for political power.

Hall estimated there are roughly 1,000 such organizations in the United States, with a membership of about 4,000,000. He said their strength comes from the fact that they are "single-purpose individuals" who "on the surface at least and only on the surface operate in the mainstream of life."

Hall's appearance was sponsored by the social-action group of First Unitarian Church and the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union.

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# *Louisvillian Says John*

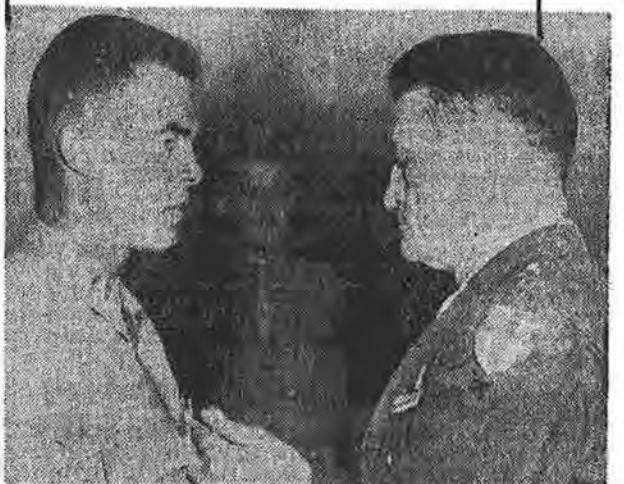
## *Birch Would Shun Group*

### Tells How Soldier-Preacher Grew To Hate China Communists

By ROBERT HERMANN

What would John Birch think of the archconservative society that today bears his name?

A Louisville man who served with Birch in intelligence work behind Japanese lines in China said of him: "He would be no more connected today with the John Birch Society than he would be with the Communist movement itself. He was a very straightforward, straight-thinking man."



LEGION OF MERIT for outstanding intelligence work is pinned on Capt. John Birch by Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, who wrote after Birch's death that the young officer was like a son to him.

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#### Encountered Doolittle

Twelve days later, in what Robert Welch thinks may have been a calculated act of contempt, the Chinese Communists demonstrated that the American Flag did not protect its citizens in a China theoretically at peace.

Birch became adept at spotting targets for Chennault's bombers, radioing back instructions and even laying out markers on the ground during battles. When bombers were unable to find a big munitions dump near Hankow, he walked back hundreds of miles to a base and rode in the nose of the lead B-25 to pinpoint the target for the bombardiers. The explosion was enormous, and Birch's guerrilla friends later told him that 30 trucks had been required to carry away the dead Japanese.

**Led Fliers Out**

Birch was on his way back to Shangjao, his missionary headquarters after the Japanese chased him out of Hangchow. He led the Doolittle fliers through dangerous no man's land to safety. He became an assistant chaplain to General Chennault's American Volunteer Group in Chungking, and was sworn in as a second lieutenant July 4, 1942, the day the A. V. G. became part of the American Army.

Another job of Chennault's air-ground teams was the rescue of American fliers shot down behind Japanese lines.

Birch also got many trapped missionaries flown out from secret airfields he established behind Japanese lines.

**Very Kind And Gentle**

What was John Birch really like? Welch ascribes to him nearly all the virtues there are. Birch's friends, in their letters, almost substantiate this. Welch notes that Birch, a Georgia-bred Baptist, even learned to

respect his fellow Catholic officers.

"He was a very kind and gentle man," said James Hart of Louisville. "John was very serious, but he was witty, too, and had a very fine mind."

Birch continued his preaching while serving the Army. He passed out Christian literature to Chinese peasants in villages he passed through and conducted services for officers and enlisted men when at a base.

"John's military service was really not an interruption of missionary service," Col. Wilfred Smith, commander of Chennault's air-ground teams, wrote. "He really did continue his missionary work either by preaching, or by carrying his pocket testament with him."

#### Copied Chennault Letter

James H. Hart, like Birch a veteran of hair-raising exploits for the Office of Strategic Services in China, said Birch came to hate the Chinese Communists with an almost-paranoid intensity.

#### Possibly Caused Outburst

This hatred may have caused the outburst by the 27-year-old Birch against a Communist commander, 10 days after World War II ended, which goaded the Communists to kill him, Hart believes.

Did Birch, who combined soldiering with preaching, want to become a martyr, to alert his country by his death to the new peril from the Chinese Communists?

He has been celebrated as such a martyr by Robert Welch, founder of the controversial John Birch Society. Welch wrote a book, "The Life of John Birch," in 1954, and founded the anti-Communist John Birch Society in 1958.

#### First Shot In Leg

Welch blames Communist conniving in high places for the fact that the story of Birch's death, which occurred in the turmoil at the end of World War II in China, was not made widely known. Conspirators in our Government didn't want the bestiality of the Chinese Communists known, he believes. (After being shot in the leg, Birch was bayoneted.)

Hart, a former newspaper reporter on the old Herald-Post here, thought about writing the John Birch story for possible magazine sale after his discharge from the Army in 1946. He corresponded with men who had known Birch. Mrs. George Birch, John's mother, came here from her home in Macon, Ga., to talk with Hart and the Louisvillian made copies of letters to her from John.

As a young Baptist missionary in China's Anhwei Province, Birch decided in 1942 that he could not continue his work until the Japanese were driven out of China. He enlisted with Chennault's 14th United States Air Force, putting to work his

knowledge of the country, his fluent command of the Chinese language, and his unusual physical and mental endurance on a series of dangerous and successful ground missions behind Japanese lines.

"I want peace," he wrote in a letter 12 days before his death, "but not that purchased by tolerance of such evils as I saw Japan spreading across this part of the world! Without much military training or knowledge, excepting by observation of fights between Japs and guerrillas in Chekiang, I tried to volunteer as private but they made me a second lieutenant instead. Since that day, I have tried, as wholeheartedly as I could, to serve the Flag that had protected my life all my life so far."

So familiar was Birch with Chinese ways that he was able to disguise himself and pass as a coolie through Japanese lines.

He was the first or one of the first Americans able to live in the field with Chinese troops, subsisting on bamboo shoots and rice with tea and hot water the only safe things to drink. He reportedly had a vast number of Chinese friends behind Japanese lines. In periods of great stress he could work 20 hours a day under primitive conditions.

Hart said Birch several times walked a thousand miles to

work in China. Chennault's intelligence agents, including Birch, were to be transferred to the O.S.S.

Birch stubbornly resisted transfer to the O.S.S., sending a radiogram saying he would rather be a buck private in the 14th Air Force than a major in the O.S.S. He later explained he did this out of his intense loyalty for Chennault. He was put "on loan" to the O.S.S.

Two O.S.S. officers, Lt. William Miller and Capt. William Drummond, were sent into the pocket, which was divided into three commands. Birch, then a captain, got the northernmost area.

Supt. James Hart of the O.S.S. arrived in the pocket early in 1945 to carry out special missions. There he met John Birch.

#### Says Personality Changed

Hart and the other officers had been instructed to urge Birch to take a leave. "He had been there too long," Hart said. But Birch refused to go. In succeeding months, Hart said, Birch's personality changed.

He became "arrogant" toward the Nationalist Chinese he had to deal with, and increasingly irritated with the Chinese Communists who, while ostensibly helping fight the Japs, were beginning to hamper his missions to the north.

He began showing signs of paranoia, or persecution complex, in Hart's opinion, due probably to the long and intense strain under which he had worked.

The Japanese surrendered August 13, 1945. Birch and Miller were assigned to a mission in the Shantung Peninsula. Hart said they were to ascertain the situation of a Nationalist army reportedly surrounded by Communists.

#### Took Perilous Route

Birch insisted on proceeding along a railroad which was sure to bring his party up against Communist units, Hart said. Miller took another route. Birch's fellow officers were unable to dissuade him from taking the more dangerous route.

"He knew it was the most dangerous route," Hart said. "It was foolish to go that way. He knew more about it than the rest of us put together."

General Wang, Chinese commander in the pocket, offered to send a cavalry regiment.

#### Set Up Airfields

Hart gives Birch credit for establishing a military "pocket" in northeast China—an island of resistance against the Japanese. A Chinese army of 100,000 was surrounded there, but the Japs preferred not to attempt to take their mountainous position.

Inside this 100-mile-long pocket, Birch set up secret airfields and radio transmitters and made the area a military base for excursions against the Japanese. It was supplied by air.

In 1944 General Joseph Stilwell, China-Burma-India theater commander, decided to bring in the Office of Strategic Services to handle intelligence

with Birch but the American refused, Hart said.

"He had been talking about if they could have some kind of incident and drop the A-bomb on the Communists before they got started," the Louisville man related.

On August 25 Birch's party was stopped by Communist troops along the railroad east of Hsuchow. He insisted on seeing the Communist commander, taking a Chinese Lieutenant Tung with him.

Hart, who found out all he could about what happened, related:

✓ "John, when he found the Chinese commander, went into a bitter harangue in Chinese. All these pent-up emotions he just let go. He called them every name he could think of to make them lose face. Anybody who had been in China six weeks would know he was committing suicide."

Birch and Tung were shot in the legs and then bayoneted and left for dead in a ditch. The Chinese lieutenant sur-

vived, however, and told what he knew of the story.

✓ Hung said he had warned Birch to turn back as his life was in danger, but the captain replied: "It doesn't make much difference what happens to me, but it is of utmost importance that my country learn now whether these people are friend or foe."

#### Villagers Buried Him

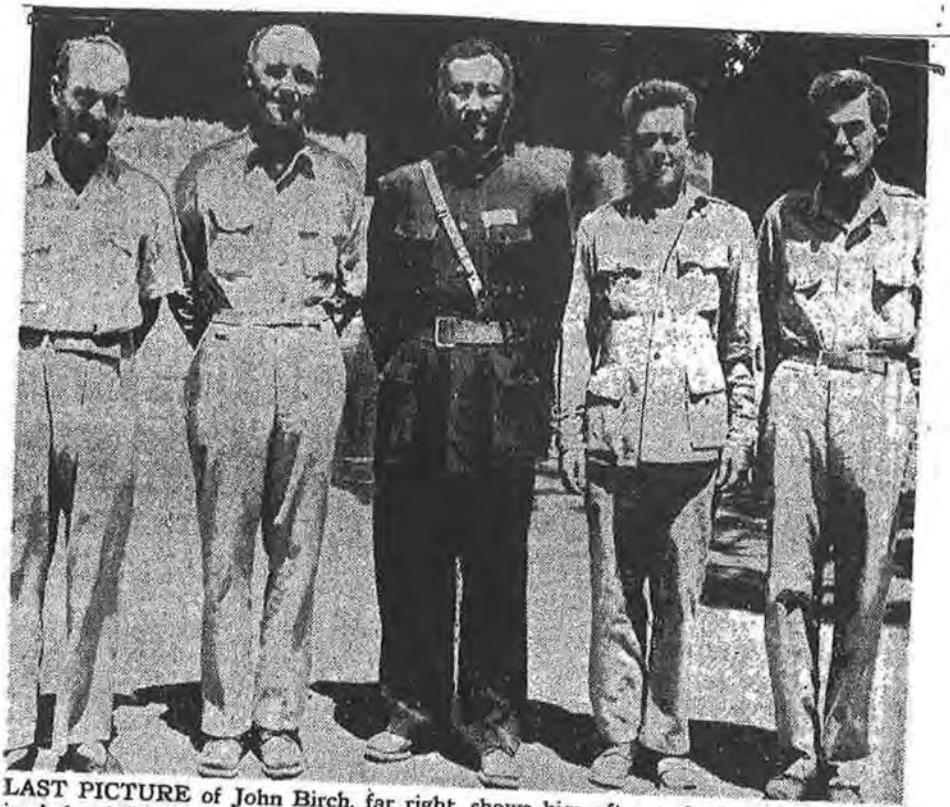
Chinese villagers buried Birch. Lieutenant Miller arrived six days later and had the body moved to a cemetery overlooking Hsuchow in a funeral with full military honors. Miller then investigated Birch's death.

A War Department letter to Mrs. Birch in Georgia stated that her son was killed "as the result of stray bullets."

✓ General Albert Wedemeyer, the new American commander in China, took up the killing with General Mao Tse-tung, Chinese Communist chief, the following month. Mao told him, according to a report in The Washington Evening Star, that

his men were under the impression that the Americans they stopped were Japanese in disguise. (Welch asserted that Mao's incredible explanation was designed to show his contempt for the United States.)

Lieutenant Miller, in a personal letter to Hart the following January, wrote: "Remember one thing. John may be said to have brought upon his own death by being imprudent while handling such dangerous people, but he died believing that his death would cause America to bring about a halt to the Communist reign of terror through pillage and brigandry in North China. He obviously has died in vain."



LAST PICTURE of John Birch, far right, shows him after end of World War II in Anhwei Province, China. Capt. James H. Hart, Louisville, is second from left. Chinese General Wang is in center. At far left is a Captain Grimes, who accompanied Birch on his final, fatal mission. Next to Birch is First Lt. Jack Webster. Picture is owned by Hart, who supplied identifications.

# Methodists Working On Birch Resolution

## Kentucky Conference To Adopt Measure; Paris Man Honored

By ORA SPAID  
*Courier-Journal Staff Writer*

Morehead, Ky., June 8.—Methodists of the Kentucky Conference decided Thursday to draw up a resolution on the John Birch Society after a missionary bishop lashed out at the society for "viliifying the Protestant clergy."

Retired Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, Glendale, Cal., a native of Wilmore, Ky., who served 46 years in India, was given the floor to speak briefly about "the new effort" of the Birchers to suggest that many Protestant clergymen are sympathetic to communism.

### Discussion Cut Off

Bishop Pickett addressed the conference Wednesday night, but his statement on the Birch Society was unscheduled. After he finished, several delegates asked to speak, but a motion to refer the matter to the conference board of social concern shut off discussion.

Delegates to the conference from 60 Eastern Kentucky counties paid tribute to Dennis V. Snapp, Paris, Ky., who is retiring after 42 years as executive of the conference board of education. This is the longest record of service on any conference board of education in the denomination.

Snapp has been with the board since 1919 and his wife, Ruth, has served the board as a secretary since 1921. Snapp was a member of the general board of education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from 1935 to 1939, when that denomination was reunited with the Northern church. He served for 12 more years on the merged churches' board of education.

### Building Program Started

Mr. and Mrs. Snapp were given a plaque and a check for \$500 by the conference.

The conference song leader, the Rev. Orin M. Simmerman, Jr., was named rural church minister of the year. The 34-year-old minister and former evangelistic singer is pastor of the 300-member Liberty Methodist Church. His father is pastor of Prestonsburg Methodist Church. The son spent his boyhood in various Methodist parsonages.



DENNIS V. SNAPP  
Holds longest record

The Rev. Simmerman is a graduate of Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore. He and Mrs. Simmerman have four children.

The Liberty church recently began a \$44,000 building program to erect a new education building and finish an older one. It has formed a Casey County Methodist Fellowship that has hired a rural worker to help Methodist churches in the area.

Mrs. John W. Holbrook, Morehead, president of the conference's Woman's Society of Christian Service, reported that the 10,373 women in 315 societies raised \$86,293 for benevolent work in the past.

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## Bishop Tucker Pulls Churches From Council

Bishop C. Ewbank Tucker has ordered ministers of his church to withdraw from the Louisville Area Council of Churches as a protest against the director's affiliation with the ultra-conservative John Birch Society.

Bishop Tucker is spiritual leader of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. His protest was aimed at Dr. N. Burnett Magruder, the council's executive director.

"Dr. Magruder has the right to belong to any organization or hold any beliefs he wishes," Bishop Tucker said. "But he should not be executive director of an aggregation of Christian churches whose principles are diametrically opposed to the principles of the John Birch Society."

Bishop Tucker said that 11 churches, with a membership of about 6,000 people, will be withdrawn.

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## Welch Hunts Data On Liberals

By The United Press

New York, July 6—The founder of the John Birch Society has asked its members of help compile "the most complete and most accurate files in America on the leading Comsymps, Socialists and liberals." A Comsymp, in the Birch Society's lexicon, is a Communist sympathizer.

Robert Welch said he hoped to fill hundreds of filing cabinets with dossiers on "those who are trying to change the economic and political structure of this country so that it could be comfortably merged with Soviet Russia in a one-world socialist government."

Writing in the July issue of his society's bulletin, Welch said he believed the largest non-governmental file of this nature in America, which he did not identify, contains 1,500,000 names. He said he believes there are "not more than 300,000 to 500,000 Communists in our country . . . and not more than a million allies, dupes and sympathizers whom they can count on for any conscious support." But he indicated he wished to list only their "leaders."

He said he hoped the material would become "the most complete, most accurate, and

most useful file in America on the personnel of the whole liberal establishment. . . . We do not know of anybody else who could get thousands of dedicated, informed, and careful volunteers to working on such a project, or who would be in a position to organize and utilize the results of all that labor."

He did not say how the information would be used but told members, "These are the files that we are going to need before we can ever give the whole truth—or enough of it to save our country—to the American people."

Welch asked members to comb libraries, pamphlet collections and other published material for "as complete factual information as possible on the background, connections and activities of all the leading liberals (including of course both Comsymps and dupes)."

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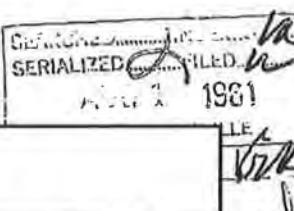
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In this connection I determined from GRUBBS [redacted]  
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in Florida. GRUBBS did not mention the man's name to me.

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and [redacted]

they had been in the past. As far as the National States Rights Party in the Louisville, Kentucky area is concerned, I learned from GRUBBS that it is not active and is practically nonexistent with [redacted] not taking any active steps to keep the organization together or fostering any activity, particularly in the Louisville, Kentucky area. In my contact with GRUBBS he became rather mad at me because I refused to approach one [redacted] who operates a frame and front end shop on [redacted] in Louisville requesting [redacted]

[redacted] MILLARD GRUBBS, [redacted] by the name of [redacted] who resides [redacted] at [redacted]. GRUBBS apparently has an [redacted] and is mad because [redacted]  
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I learned from GRUBBS that [redacted] a [redacted] in [redacted], has not been active in the activities of [redacted] and I have not received any recent literature or meeting notices from him. [redacted] apparently has shown his desire to be affiliated with the John Birch Society in Louisville as this has a better financial attraction to him than GRUBBS' organization.

## ~~Stagnant Conservatism~~

Over many years I have been a constant reader of The Courier-Journal. I used to deem it a great liberal paper, liberal and broadminded in its views, always supporting legislation that would instigate progressive changes in our social system, and never dissident or myopic to the apparent facts of life. However, in the last few years this once great paper's editorial policy has retrogressed to stagnant conservatism, so much so that it seems to be affiliated in some way with the reprehensible John Birch Society. It avidly supports evil, corrupt dictators who look our way, notably those of Spain, Portugal, and the ex-dictator of Cuba, Batista. It emphasizes the suffering of a few counterrevolutionary regimes but never mentions the good Castro has brought to some 5,000,000 Cubans.

The paper expatiates with great mistrust the Russian testing of thermonuclear bombs, but when one is exploded in the Lybian or Mojave Desert the incident is treated lightly. It magnifies a fault in one country but extenuates the same fault in another country. Such reportorial procedure doesn't make sense.

Many readers would be pleased if The Courier-Journal would again enunciate its policies with liberalism and good common sense.

Prestonsburg, Ky. GLENN M. ~~REED~~

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# Goldwater Says Birchers No Danger

Calls Welch Extremist,  
Raps The Minutemen

Washington, Nov. 19 (AP)— Senator Barry M. Goldwater, (R., Ariz.) said Sunday that the John Birch Society is not dangerous. But he did call its founder, Robert Welch, an extremist.

Goldwater expressed some doubt as to whether Welch is the true leader of the Birch organization.

"If Bob Welch is the leader, he is an extremist," the Arizona senator said on a television program. "I am not close to the John Birch groups."

## Minutemen Dangerous

Goldwater said the organization known as the Minutemen does constitute a danger because members arm themselves. He added that the Constitution vested defense responsibility in the Government and the military.

The Minutemen, made up of loosely knit anti-Communist groups, train for guerrilla warfare for the avowed purpose of providing a means of fighting

*Indiana Governor Matthew Welsh calls the John Birch Society and similar groups "a present danger within our midst." Story on Page 1, Section 2.*

back should the United States be taken over by an enemy.

Goldwater said some members of the John Birch Society resent being called conservatives, and he added that many of them have not identified themselves with any particular political philosophy.

He said he could speak only for the Birch group in his hometown of Phoenix. "Certainly they are not dangerous," he said.

Goldwater, who has been accused of being an extreme rightist, said, "I am far more concerned with the extremists on the left than those on the right."

He said one reason he is more concerned about the left and of the political spectrum is because the right-wing groups are not in government.

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## **Indiana's Governor Assails Birch Society**

**'Self-Appointed Vigilantes' Called 'Danger  
In Our Midst'; 'Intimidation By Fear' Hit**

**By GORDON ENGLEHART**

*The Courier-Journal Bureau*

Indianapolis, Nov. 19.—Governor Matthew E. Welsh hit out Sunday at the John Birch Society and other "self-appointed vigilantes (who) seek to judge the loyalty of their neighbors."

In a television talk echoing President Kennedy's speech Saturday at Los Angeles, Welsh said he was compelled as Governor to discuss "a present danger within our midst."

The danger, he said, is "intimidation by fear, of vigilante-type actions by slander squads, of hate-letter writing campaigns against respected ministers, of a deep and intolerant action within the community to everything with which a minority does not agree."

The technique, Welsh said, is to label as Communist-inspired every thing with which extremists disagree.

Such demagoguery is "a totalitarian device for destroying the individual, his dignity, and his rights, in the name of protecting them," he charged.

An example of this technique, Welsh said, is the Birch Society's efforts to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren because it disagrees with his opinions.

Impeachment petitions are being circulated in Indiana, including one not long ago in Brown County, he reported.

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**'Repeats Baseless Charge'**

Welsh said Robert Welch, who founded the society in Indianapolis in 1958, recently charged here that 7,000 to 8,000 Protestant ministers are Communist sympathizers.

"Yet his Indiana coordinator cannot name one," the Governor said. "But he continues to repeat the baseless charge."

Not long ago, according to Welsh, a man soliciting funds for an Indianapolis Methodist church was asked one question, "Is Bishop Raines a Communist?"

**'Nothing But Suspicion'**

"Bishop Richard Raines is the respected leader of The Methodist Church in Indiana and an outstanding, loyal American," Welsh said.

"The clever technique of asking the question remained legally within the bounds of slander. But served to instill a doubt, a question. No facts—nothing but the planting of suspicion."

The Birch Society's Blue Book of instructions for members outlined such a technique, Welsh said.

As an example of "fear gripping Hoosier communities and our nation," Welsh said several Indianapolis newspaper columns and editorials attacked efforts of churches and civic groups to support the United Nations Children's Fund "with the implication that this fund ultimately served the Communist cause."

**'Afraid Of Reprisals'**

Because those charges are unfounded, Welsh said, several responsible church leaders called on a television station here in protest.

But when a cameraman and reporter went to get their statements on film for presentation, the church leaders were afraid.

"Afraid of what?" Welsh asked. "They were afraid of reprisals in the form of hate-letter campaigns, of being unfairly charged with being Communist sympathizers, and of further misrepresentation of their words and efforts."

In Indianapolis, the Governor said, it has been charged that merely to criticize the motion picture "Operation Abolition" amounts, in itself, to being a Communist.

**Calls For Opposition**

"Ministers in Indianapolis have been harassed and slandered as Communists, as have been some Marion County teachers, merely for just such an opinion," he said.

Welsh called on Hoosiers to oppose those who would subvert freedom . . . wherever they are . . . at home or abroad.

"For when ever the full rights of any American are restricted or attacked, the image of America before the world is blurred and marred. "Here at home we can oppose every attack and every pressure in the fullest right of each American to speak, to write, to think, and to worship as he pleases."

## Birch Director Loses Bid For Library Post

Associated Press

Wellesley, Mass., March 6.—Laurence E. Bunker, a national director of the controversial John Birch Society, was defeated decisively yesterday in a bid for reelection as library trustee.

Bunker, a former Army colonel and onetime aide to General Douglas MacArthur, was ousted from a post he had held six years. His opponents waged a combined campaign to unseat him because of his membership in the militantly conservative Birch Society.

Victors in the three-way contest were the Rev. William B. Rice, minister of Wellesley Unitarian Church, whom Bunker succeeded as a library trustee, and an incumbent Mrs. Henrietta Frost.

Incomplete, unofficial returns showed they won by a 5-to-2 margin.

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## **Birch Chief Mum On Justice Query**

Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 30—The Justice Department has asked Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, to produce any evidence supporting his charges of Communists in Government.

So far, said an official, Welch has not responded to the request made December 8.

The official, Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, chief of the Department's Internal Security Division, said today he wrote Welch about a speech Welch gave November 20 in Austin, Tex.

The assistant attorney general said news accounts quoted Welch as referring to "a comparatively few thousand Communists, concentrated in key departments" of the Government.

Yeagley said he wrote Welch, "The charges you make are not to my knowledge supported by the material in the investigative files of Government employees."

"It would be my suggestion that you turn over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at once such facts as may be in your possession and the sources thereof which you believe establish that certain Government employees are members of the Communist Party."

### **Grand Jury Probe On**

"If appropriate action is to be taken it is necessary that such data as you indicate you possess be made available for the use of the Government," Yeagley added. Yeagley is responsible for prosecuting anyone who falsely denies Communist Party membership in applying for Government work.

Yeagley said neither he nor

the FBI received acknowledgement of his letter to Welch.

The John Birch Society which Welch heads is a militantly conservative organization pledged to fight Communism.

A federal grand-jury investigation of Communist Party officers and members has been under way for two weeks. It is looking into failure of U.S. Communists to register under provisions of the Internal Security Act.

The act also requires applicants for Government jobs to disclose whether they are members of any Communist group.

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Birch Society Concept

To the Editor: Mrs. Ruth G. Bales quoted January 7 from a letter from the National Economic Council, Inc., a name which in itself would cause one to scrutinize closely what they were trying to sell, in her support of the John Birch Society. First, what does the John Birch Society stand for? They are against Communism and one can associate this with freedom, liberty, morals, and Christian principles; but here the association ends. We find that all else they believe is against this very foundation of justice.

This John Birch concept is well recorded through history. As to Cuba, certainly the morals of Batista are well aligned with the John Birchers. Batista and associates cried morals, liberty, and justice while starving and exploiting Cuban people. Here, as through history, when the struggle for freedom was long and bitter, unscrupulous people joined in for the spoils and corrupted the very freedom they hoped to gain. Communism was born of these injustices to man.

The patriots of early American history, of whom she speaks, recognized that there is no guarantee of liberty or freedom, but the Constitution based on morals and Christian principles is an excellent tool to forge ahead in the continuing struggle for the dignity of man.

The John Birchers would never recognize the real patriots, but hang their medals on the traitors of democracy. It is a credit to the American people that they see John Birchers for what they are. The road of the John Birchers can only lead to disaster. The road of President Kennedy and this administration could well bring about the death of Communism, but let us hope that historians never let future generations forget the patriots and let them better define corruptors of freedoms of man. JOHN W. RAFFAUF,  
Louisville

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## Birchers And Others

Judging by recent news items and letters in Readers Point Of View, there seems to be a great number of people afflicted with an insidious disease which passes presently for anti-Communism. This malady has been implanted in the minds of many in recent years by various reactionary politicians so empty and devoid of any progressive ideas, they seized upon the idea of screaming "Communist" at any liberal opposition.

This device was embraced joyously by the ultra-conservative section of the public and by a gang of frustrated feudal lords who are still licking the wounds inflicted by the New Deal. In the last 15 years we have witnessed the sickening spectacle of the nation's schools, colleges and churches attacked by phony patriots, who do not even understand democracy, let alone Communism. All over the country petty demagogues saw a chance to reap a few headlines by shouting, "there are 'umpteen' Communists in the State Department," Protestant clergy, or what have you.

There are plenty of people in the country doing a good job of fighting Communism, but they are not to be confused with the "witch hunters" and hate groups who rant and rave at Legion halls, club suppers, and even P.T.A. meetings, laying down the gospel of John Birch, namely that liberalism is Socialism; Socialism

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is Communism; anyone who opposed this crackpot  
doctrine is a Communist dupe.  
Democratic institutions also seem to be an  
enemy of some of the self-professed savers-of-  
the-world-from-Communism, hence their constant  
yapping of "this is a republic, not a democracy."  
The crowning irony of this movement which  
seeks to abolish several American institutions  
including the Bill of Rights in the name of  
anti-Communism, is that they piously call them-  
selves "conservatives." JAMES C. MILBY.  
Louisville.

## Self-Effacing Birchers

I recently wrote a letter to the editor of this column expressing my views on the radical John Birch Society. In it I maintained that in certain respects the Birchers are actually similar to the Communist enemy they decry, and I gave examples to back up my assertion. About a week later I received an envelope with no return address on it. It contained two leaflets which described the Society, its aims and purposes, and letters fit well into their general pattern. I rehashed a few of its more detestable opinions.

I think this is typical of that group, anonymous, and wonder how many citizens have received this type of literature from little people who haven't the courage to sign their own mailings.

Richmond, Ky. DON COFFEY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE

DATE: May 7, 1962

*From [redacted]*  
*[redacted] SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-0)*

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka.

(FNU) [redacted]  
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On 5/4/62 [redacted] Postal Inspector, Austin, Texas, advised SA [redacted] that one of the Post Office employees had found a letter in the mail with, aside from the regular postage stamp, a large red stamp with perforated ends giving the appearance of having been torn from a sheet of stamps. This red stamp contained the following wording:

"We cannot expect the Americans to jump from Capitalism to Communism, but we can assist their elected leaders in giving Americans small doses of Socialism until they suddenly awake to find they have Communism."-(Nikita Khruschev (3½ months before visit to the United States.)

[redacted] advised that the letter this stamp was on was addressed to [redacted] and [redacted] Austin, Texas. The letter was from the [redacted] [redacted], Kentucky. [redacted] said he is having the mail delivered to the addressee and is taking no action.

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The current Austin telephone directory lists a [redacted] at [redacted]. The City Directory lists him as a student and the current University of Texas directory lists [redacted] graduate student, wife [redacted] formerly residing on [redacted].

The indices of the San Antonio office are negative as to [redacted] and his wife [redacted].

The above is being furnished for your information.

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1 San Antonio  
FBC:JMW  
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## "No 'Way-Out' Rightist

I note that K. D. Kerr says June 5: "Historically political rightists have favored police states and military dictatorships." I presume that he means Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, East Germany, U.S.S.R., and the rest. Now as he well knows, these and such oriental states as Communist China and Laos are in the leftist orbit, as is Cuba.

Lest he confuse me with the "way-out" rightists, as he says, I am not a member of the John Birch Society, nor have I been approached by the U. L. campus publication, "Reveille." However, I know some of these folks and I certainly would trust their judgment over that of Mr. Kerr. He must be running for some office the way he takes on about the conservatives. Frankly, I would much rather be identified with this group than with the A.D.A. socialist-labor movement which is trying ineffectually through Lieutenant Governor Wyatt, to seize a Senate seat.

Mr. Kerr claims to be a military man. I wonder how far he would let his theory run in the command functions of a battalion. He talks like a political campaigner. I wonder if he has heard of the Hatch Act?  
JACK DUNDON  
Louisville.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-63)

DATE: 6/26/62

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]  
RACIAL MATTERS

On 6/6/62 [redacted] United States Army  
Armor Center, Fort Knox, Ky., advised SA [redacted]  
that his son, [redacted] is a ticket seller at the Valley Auto  
Theater, [redacted] He stated that [redacted] b7C  
is the Manager of the theater, and is always making state-  
ments that he is associated with the John Birch Society  
and keeps cursing the President all the time; however, he  
has no information that [redacted] has ever made any threats  
against the President.

The above was all the information that [redacted]  
could furnish in this matter.

This memo is being submitted as a matter of record.

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S. S. Agent, FBI Louisville  
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# [Rightist Bulge Still]

## Swelling Here

Birch Society is growing, says  
leader, and new groups  
and individuals have joined  
the 'anti-Communist cause']

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By ROBERT HERMANN, Courier-Journal Staff Writer



C. L. Bell  
Heads 'Kentucky Heritage'



Richard Oldham  
Has 'Information service'

[I]N THE year and a half since the John Birch Society first came to national attention, Birchers and other far-right conservatives have been quietly expanding their activities in Louisville and Kentucky.

Birch Society membership here has been growing slowly, says the top known Louisville Birch leader, and a number of other organizations and individuals have entered the "anti-Communist cause."

Right-wing groups have sponsored speeches here by M. Stanton Evans, Billy James Hargis, and other top conservative spokesmen.

In the Democratic primary, attorney Marion A. Vance of Glasgow campaigned for the senatorial nomination on a platform that bore down heavily on the issue of the internal Communist threat to America. He got 28,474 votes; Lieutenant Governor Wilson Wyatt got 127,118 votes and the nomination.

### New Organization

Vance's campaign manager, attorney C. L. Bell of Louisville, heads an organization called Kentucky Heritage, Inc., formed last month. Vance is a vice-president.

A statement by Bell to the press said:

"The object and purpose of the corporation is to fight communism and to preserve the Constitution of Kentucky and that of the United States and to defend and uphold our freedoms and liberties. . . . The new organization intends an extensive campaign in Kentucky to fight communism from within. And to hold anti-Communist meetings in various places throughout the state to indoctrinate and educate the people on why we have the freedoms we cherish and to fight communism."

The press release also said: "The organization launches its program with more than 3,782 pledged members and expects to enroll more than 100,000 within a very short time."

Bell told a reporter, however, that the 3,782 were persons who had signed a petition setting up the nonprofit corporation, and that they had not paid any dues. The organization is going to have to raise some money somehow in order to continue operating, Bell said.

Other officers of Kentucky Heritage are Danville attorney John L. Ward and Stan Wirthlin, identified as a Covington newspaperman, vice-presidents, and the Rev. R. H. Garrison, retired Louisville Methodist minister, secretary-treasurer.

### Another New Voice

Another new voice in the right-wing cause is Kentucky Information Service, set up by attorney Richard Oldham, leader of a John Birch chapter here. It too is a "nonprofit, educational" corporation.

Kentucky Information Service offers a selection of right-wing books and pamphlets. It also hopes to open a downtown bookstore and a lending library and reading room, according to a bulletin it mails to prospects. It hopes to sponsor radio programs and seminars.

Persons who write conservative-oriented letters to newspapers here may receive a Kentucky Information Service form letter inviting them to become sustaining members at \$50 a year; regular members (\$6), or student members (\$2). They may also make a simple contribution, or volunteer to give some of their time to the cause. They may order books or pamphlets from a list. Or they may check a blank which reads: "A mistake has been made. Please remove my name from your mailing list."

Oldham told a reporter, "I helped incorporate the business. I'm sure that it doesn't have any connection with the Birch Society."

### Publishes Summary

Incorporators of Kentucky Information Service last year were Clinton R. Burroughs, a law partner of Oldham, and Marvin M. Powell and Mary Ann Haynes. The address of all three was given on the incorporation papers as 308 S. Fifth, which is the address of Oldham's Lawyers Title of Kentucky. The information service in its mailings uses Post Office

Box 7012, Louisville 7, Ky., as its address.

Lawyers Title of Kentucky publishes a monthly summary of mortgage transactions which is filled out with paragraphs of right-wing observations on world and national affairs.

A section of the incorporation papers for Kentucky Information Service states: "The corporation is prohibited from carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or participating in any political campaign."

The American Heritage Book House, opened last May on Willis Avenue in St. Matthews by Mrs. Sarah Buttorff, offers many of the same publications as Kentucky Information Service, but has no connection with it or any other organization, Mrs. Buttorff said.

Besides the usual anti-Communist books and reports of Congressional investigating committees, Mrs. Buttorff's shop has books on interior decorating, antiques, history, music, birds, horses, gardening—"anything American," she explained. She also reports a brisk business in McGuffey Readers and Blue Back Spellers.

For a time Mrs. Buttorff sold The Indianapolis News, whose editor is conservative Stanton Evans.

"People want to hear both sides," Mrs. Buttorff said. "They want to be able to decide for themselves about political questions."

Louisville's two "liberal" daily newspapers don't give both sides on all questions, she said. She finds people are hungry to see the conservative viewpoint expressed in print.

"I think there's a great resurgence of conservatism," said Mrs. Buttorff, a lively widow of 60. "I think people are willing to fight to get it back the way it was."

### Her Alternative

She also declared, "If people are not willing to fight for America, they haven't any business in America. They ought to be shot out" into space, her gesture indicated.

Mrs. Buttorff, widow of a physician, says many physicians are among her customers. "The majority of doctors are waking up to the fact that they should be thinking about something besides medicare," she said.

This was confirmed by a physician who confided to this reporter, "We're the last individualists. We don't want anybody telling us what to do, ordering us around. Kennedy has made us realize we have to do something."

Physicians are therefore working to persuade patients to their point of view, the physician said, giving them pamphlets, talking to them during treatment—"we're after them," he said.

He was asked if this didn't interfere with the physicians' work.

"Just a few sentences at a time," he explained. "When you see them so often, you can get it across."

### An 'Overswing'

This physician added, however, that he thought the John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, had gone too far in branding their enemies as

Communists. He called it an "overswing," a reaction to extremists on the liberal side.

Shirley Palmer-Ball, vice-president of Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Corporation in St. Matthews, is now a "section leader" co-ordinating Birch activities in the Louisville area. He also is a chapter leader, and said there are more chapters here now than when the Birch Society was first publicized here early last year.

Birch chapters now exist at Lexington, Glasgow, and "some of the other major cities" of Kentucky, Palmer-Ball said.

As usual, no Birch member will disclose the names or number of society members, or even the number of chapters. There are many "home chapter" members who communicate directly with Birch headquarters in Belmont, Mass., and are not affiliated with a local chapter, Palmer-Ball said.

Palmer-Ball and Oldham emphasized that no one is permitted to use the Birch society to promote racial or religious prejudice, and that members have been expelled for attempting to do so. Oldham also said that no member is required to agree with statements of Welch, the society founder. (Welch recently declared that General Charles de Gaulle, President of France, is a Communist.)

Rayburn Watkins, executive vice-president of Associated Industries of Kentucky, remains an outspoken Birch member. The Rev. N. Burnett Magruder, executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches, has been ordered by the council not use his office to promote his position on controversial issues. He said he is still a Birch member, however. Architect W. Earle Otis remains a Birch chapter leader.

### Meeting Planned

Oldham said the Birch society plans a public meeting at the auditorium of The Mall shopping center on Shelbyville Road next Monday at 7:30 p.m. It is still impossible for a reporter to learn when meetings of individual chapters will be held.

Other organizations have brought prominent right-wingers to Louisville in the last year or so. The most recent event was a speech by Evans, the Indianapolis newspaperman, which drew a reported 400 persons to The Mall last May 12. It was sponsored by a group called the United Association of Constitutional Conservatives.

Billy James Hargis, Oklahoma evangelist and founder of the Christian Crusade, spoke to about 250 persons at the Henry Clay Hotel last November.

Another leading right-wing spokesman, W. P. Strube, Jr., a Houston insurance executive, conducted a seminar in a South End church in May, 1961, under auspices of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade and the Louisville Men's Independent Christian Missions, a group of Protestant laymen and ministers.

Dr. Howard Kirschner, editor of Christian Economics magazine, spent a day with about 120 ministers and laymen at the downtown Y.M.C.A. within the past year. This was sponsored by the Christian Freedoms Foundation.

The Rev. Robert Cooke, an evangelist affiliated with West Broadway Baptist Church, distributes literature of We The People, Chicago; the Conservative So-

society of America, New Orleans, and the Council for Individual Freedom, Portland, Ind.

Mr. Cooke said all three groups stand for constitutional government, free enterprise, and States' rights, and "why they're separate I can't see a real good reason."

Millard D. Grubbs, who heads the White Citizens Councils of Kentucky, has formed the National Law Enforcement Committee. Its purpose is to exercise the citizens' power of arrest against public officials guilty of crimes against the public trust.

"Our arrests will be of those whose crimes reveal an inveterate blackness of heart, dyed in the grain with corruption and disloyalty and gangrened to the very core," Grubbs wrote in announcing formation of the committee four years ago.

It is taking some time to obtain committee members of the needed stature and prominence, Grubbs told a reporter, and no arrests have been made yet.

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**Birch Society  
Meets At Mall**

A field worker for the John Birch Society conducted a public meeting here last night, and reported the organization is meeting success in the state.

"We are growing very solidly in Kentucky," said William N. Ohly, Birch coordinator for Ohio.

About 50 attended a 3½ hour session led by Ohly last night at the Mall shopping center.

He declined to estimate the number of Birch members in Kentucky, or to name the locations of the chapters.

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## Birch Recruiter Claims Big Following In State

The John Birch Society has a strong membership throughout Kentucky, a visiting field worker of the organization said here last night.

William N. Ohly, Birch coordinator for Ohio, said the right-wing society considers Kentucky a good state.

"We are growing very solidly in Kentucky," he said.

Only, who lives in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, is on a recruiting tour of Kentucky.

### Mall Meeting Held

He conducted a public meeting here last night at the Mall. About 50 persons attended the 3½-hour meeting.

Ohly declined to estimate the number of Birchers in Kentucky and to name the locations of chapters.

"If you were at war and you were a general with an army . . . would you let out your strength?" he asked a reporter.

But Ohly, who took leave as a broker to take up full-time work with the Birch society, said he has been especially active in the Newport-Covington area.

Addressing the group last night, Ohly said the organization is "not in the converting business" but is looking for people who are conservatives.

He said the society has continued to grow although it has had to fight "a controlled press, billions of dollars," and complacency and apathy of the American public.

Those who "smear patriotic people," Ohly said, are following the Communist line.

Two hours of the meeting consisted of movies of talks by Robert Welch, founder of the society.

Ohly was introduced by Shirley Palmer-Ball, vice-president of Palmer Asbestos & Rubber Corporation, and Birch section leader for Louisville.

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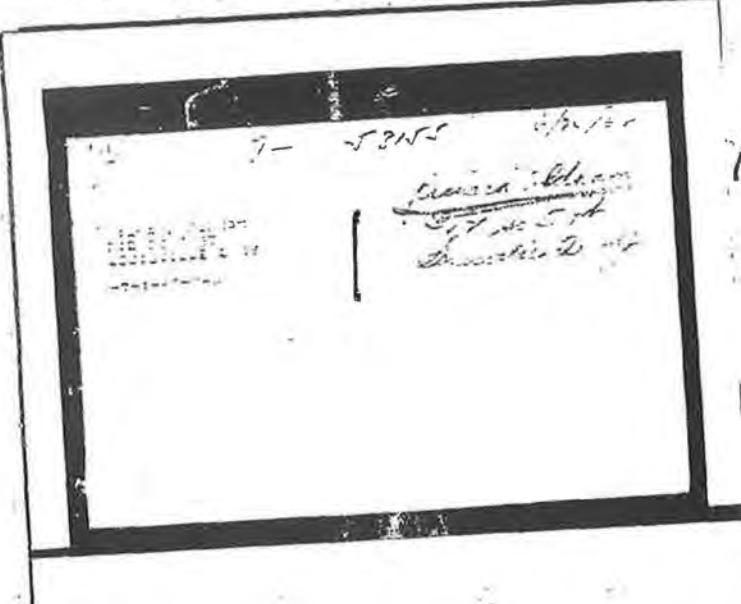
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# Showdown Set Today On Magruder's Post

By ORA SPAID

A showdown move to dismiss Dr. N. Burnett Magruder as executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches will be made tomorrow at the council's executive board meeting.

Representatives of three and possibly four major denominations are reportedly behind the demand that the controversial clergyman be ousted. His ultra-conservative views and membership in the John Birch Society have kept him in conflict with liberal churchmen the past 2½ years.

Ministers and members of the council received a letter yesterday from Dr. Magruder acknowledging the impending showdown. The letter begins:

"A decision seems in the offing which is laden with far-reaching consequences for the Louisville Area Council of Churches . . ."

The letter is the most outspoken statement of Dr. Magruder's side of the controversy he has made. He wrote of "the dissident group that continues to harass both the executive director and the council program," and of "a campaign of reprisal and retribution" by "a small, hardcore 'liberal' power group which seems set on a rule-or-ruin policy."

**Tactics Called 'Flagrant'**

He characterized the group as one "which urges conciliation on the American Government in dealing with godless enemies" while the group "has employed nonconciliatory tactics of intimidation and boycott which would shame the most flagrant politician or businessman."

It was a series of articles published in 1960 in which Dr.



DR. N. B. MAGRUDER

Magruder accused Protestant clergymen of being "tinged with the Marxist virus" that touched off the controversy. When his membership in the John Birch Society was later revealed demands for his ouster came.

A group of United Church of Christ ministers demanded his resignation, charging "weak and ineffective leadership." Presbyterian groups expressed concern about Dr. Magruder's involvement with the Birch group, and Bishop C. Ewbank Tucker pulled all African Methodist Episcopal Zion congregations out of the council.

**Support Withheld**

Several congregations withheld financial contributions to the council, and a number of ministers withdrew from participation in council activities. Christian Heritage Day, the council-sponsored annual

Protestant festival at Freedom Hall, was canceled because of the controversy.

A committee of the council investigated the charges against Dr. Magruder and in September, 1961, the executive board declared it found no justification in the charges. Later, however, the council adopted a new constitution which contained a section limiting the statements that could be made by the executive director.

**Seeks Middle Course**

Magruder pictured his administration as an attempt to steer a middle course between the extreme positions of the council's member churches. The Louisville council is one of few in the nation which has attracted the participation of Southern Baptists and other conservative denominations.

He posed four questions which he said the board would be confronted with in its meeting:

1. "Can any council of churches be truly ecumenical and Christian if it is governed by monolithic, one-party thinking instead of espousing Christian freedom based on the Lordship of Christ?"
2. "What future would a Christian movement have which denies its own basis for existence? Is this a proper posture for the Protestant movement in this community?"
3. "In view of the growing seriousness of Communist advances, is strong opposition to the Marxist movement a cause for censure?"
4. "What is the place for the spirit of Jesus Christ in arriving at decisions in matters pertaining to the Gospel and the work of churches?"

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## Magruder Planning Conservative Center

Dr. N. Burnett Magruder announced plans yesterday to establish "a center for Christian conservative thought and action in Louisville." Details, he said, will be made public later this month.

The ousted executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches listed a three-point program of personal action.

In addition to the center, it included:

Continuation of his pastorate at Covenant Baptist Church, plus extension of his ministry in other Kentucky churches. Assumption of "some coordinating functions for the John Birch Society."

The society, Dr. Magruder added, is "a much maligned and misrepresented group in which I have been a rather inactive member thus far. The true story of this society should be told loud and clear throughout the commonwealth."

The executive board of the Council of Churches fired Dr. Magruder last month because of a controversy over his support of conservative causes. Anger was first aroused in 1960 when he commented that the Marxist virus had penetrated thinking of the clergy.

### 'More Room For Freedom Of Conscience'

In his statement yesterday, Dr. Magruder said the John Birch Society "states frankly where it stands and has more room for freedom of conscience and individual rights than the Louisville Area Council of Churches displayed when it advertised to the world that it is willing to permit expression only for the liberal point of view."

The society's program, he continued, "is for all Americans without prejudice toward any. It is pro-people, pro-American, and pro-principle. The only 'anti' in its entire program is 'anticollectivism.'"

"Whereas," concluded Dr. Magruder, "the left wing, both Communist and non-Communist, has shown a persistent bias toward atheism and diluted faith; the conservative cause has a strong affinity toward spiritual faith plus a deep conviction on the importance of a balanced constitutional system of government."

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## Magruder To Aid Birch Society, Promote 'Conservative Thought'

Dr. N. Burnett Magruder, coordinating functions for the controversy over his leadership fired last month as executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches, today said he will stay in Louisville to promote "conservative thought" and the John Birch Society.

Dr. Magruder issued a statement listing a three-fold program which he said is aimed at strengthening "the moral and spiritual foundations on which our Christian civilization rests."

He said he would establish "a center for Christian conservative thought and action in Louisville. Plans for this operation will be announced later this month."

He also will "assume some

is to continue as pastor of Covenant Baptist Church, which meets Sundays and Wednesday nights at the Y.W.C.A., Second and Broadway, and "the extension of my ministry by engagements in other churches in Kentucky — something which time has not permitted in the past."

The Council of Churches executive board fired Dr. Magruder effective October 1, with salary through December 31,

because of a long-standing con-

cerns about his espousal of conservative causes such as the Birch Society. His comment in 1960 a rather inactive member thus that the Marxist virus had penetrated thinking of the clergy first roused the council's ire.

Dr. Magruder said today that the Birch society "states frankly where it stands and has more room for freedom of conscience and individual rights than the . . . council . . . displayed when it advertised to the world that it is willing to permit expression only for the liberal point of view."

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# Magruder Heads New Center Conservative Church Group Incorporates

A new Christian Conservative Center has been established in Louisville with Dr. N. Burnett Magruder as its executive director.

Dr. Magruder is the former executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches who was discharged because of his espousal of ultraconservative causes.

The center, which has an office in the Madrid Building, was incorporated last week.

#### Supporters Named

Among the incorporators were the Rev. Robert G. Eppler, associate minister of Second Presbyterian Church; Ernest E. Lyon, minister of Highland Church of Christ; Dr. J. Kenneth Hutcherson, a Louisville physician; Mrs. J. Osborne Bland, Sr.; R. Wesley Naye, vice president of Commercial Transport Company, and the Rev. Robert W. Cook, retired Baptist evangelist.

*The articles of incorporation list these purposes for the center:*

1. "To uphold and to maintain in the churches and in the Christian movement a conservative interpretation of the Christian faith.

2. "To uphold and to maintain in public life the values of our Christian heritage, especially as they pertain to American institutions and American freedom.

3. "To provide a fellowship for inspiration, education, and encouragement of those individuals who support the conservative purpose of the center."

#### Newsletter Planned

Mr. Eppler said the center will publish a newsletter and other publications and sponsor group discussions and public meetings to promote the conservative cause.

Membership in the center will be composed of individuals, not organizations, and financial support will be from individuals, churches, and organizations.

A board of directors for the center will be elected this month.

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**Dr. Magruder  
Quits Pastorate**

Dr. N. Burnett Magruder has resigned as pastor of Covenant Baptist Church to devote more time to development of the Christian Conservative Center.

He had been pastor of the small church, which meets at the Y.W.C.A., since it was organized about 11 years ago.

Dr. Magruder is now executive director of the conservative center, which was incorporated earlier this month. He was formerly executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches, but was replaced following a prolonged dispute concerned with his espousal of ultraconservative causes.

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**Birch Society  
Has Income  
Of \$737,716**

Boston, July 30 (AP)—The John Birch Society's income in 1962 totaled \$737,716.87, nearly one third more than its income the previous year, according to the organization's annual financial report on file in the office of the Massachusetts attorney general.

As a nonprofit organization, the society is required to file its annual financial report.

The society's 1961 income was listed as \$534,241.58.

Chief sources of income for the militantly conservative society, headed by Robert Welch, were contributions totaling \$306,526.24 and dues which came to \$296,326.66.

Salaries which amounted to \$370,474.95 were some \$102,000 above the 1961 figure. The second largest expenditure was \$139,068.69 for expenses and travel for society coordinators.

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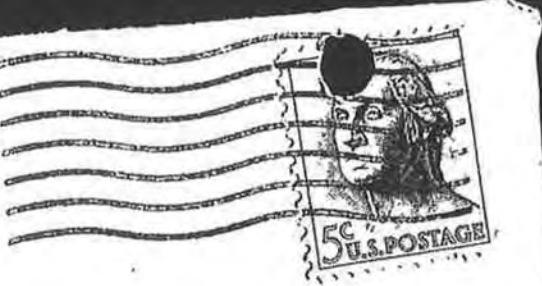
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Mr. Barry Bingham, Publisher,  
Louisville Courier Journal,  
Louisville, Ky.

Aug 9, 1963

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Dear Mr. Bingham:

Tonight's Times reported the incident of the smearing of swastikas, etc at the Federal Bldg. across the street from your newspaper offices. I was interested in your editorial in the morning Courier, in which your paper reported the activities of the Birch Society, quoting the article of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover regarding the activities of the far right outfit. With reference to the swastika markings at the Federal Bldgs. I wish to relate the following: About six weeks ago, I was told in confidence by [redacted]

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cc to Louisville Field Office FBI, and J. E. Hoover

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cc to Louisville Field Office FBI and J.E. Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover I have the pleasure of turning your  
attention back July 23rd. I am purposely writing you to  
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Kindest regards [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

The original of your letter dated August 9, 1963,  
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Mr. Hoover's absence from the city. I know he would want  
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Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
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**The John Birch Society**

In his article August 4, Senator Thomas H. Kuchel is obviously trying to identify members of the John Birch Society as hysterical "fright-peddlers."

It is only fair that your readers should know what a State Senate subcommittee in Senator Kuchel's home state found after a two-year study of the John Birch Society.

"We have not found the society to be either a secret or a fascist organization, nor have we found the great majority of its members to be mentally unstable, crackpots, or hysterical about the threat of Communist subversion.

"We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only, organization through which they could join in a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent its spread.

"Our investigation and study was requested by the society, which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

Apparently Senator Kuchel has disregarded this careful inquiry by a bi-partisan group in his own state.

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N. BURNETT MAGRUDER

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**'Communist Tactic'**

The bombing of the Negro church in Birmingham which cost the lives of four little children is enough to wring the heart of any human being.

These murderers must be sought out and punished. Notice the marked similarity between this callous crime and the bombing of the home of Andrew Wade here in Louisville, Kentucky, about ten years ago. Sworn testimony in the Jefferson Circuit Court was to the effect that Andrew Wade was sold a home in a white neighborhood and that the home was then bombed by white persons who had offered to stand guard for him against possible ill feeling on the part of his neighbors. The whole thing was a plot by Communists for the purpose of stirring up hatred and bitterness between white and Negro people in Louisville.

The bombing of the church in Birmingham which resulted in deaths of four little Negro girls is a typical Communist tactic. They will stop at nothing to cause trouble between whites and Negroes and to hamper in every way efforts by men of good will of both races to solve our mutual problems.

We must continue to try to work out our controversies in a spirit of loving, tolerant cooperation, not in a spirit of emotion and violence. We must be constantly alert for Communist-inspired efforts to tear down such progress as has been made and to turn one race against the other.

Louisville: RICHARD C. OLDHAM

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## Birch Movement Gaining Acceptance, Magruder Says

There is a growing realization on the part of Americans that the John Birch Society is not a threat to America and that the world communism movement is where the real threat lies, Dr. N. Burnett Magruder said here yesterday.

Dr. Magruder, Kentucky coordinator of the society, told the South End Optimist Club at the Kentucky Hotel that the society advocates less government, more responsibility, and a better world.

"The John Birch Society is

the vanguard, the most militant, active point of the conservative movement," he said. "When it is rightly understood, it is a forward-looking movement. Its constructive principles are seldom ever mentioned (by those opposing it.)"

The society's aim, he continued, is to learn the truth about the Communist menace and take positive action. Charges that the group is subversive and anti-Semitic are not true, he added.

Dr. Magruder, former execu-

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## Winning Public OK, Birch Society Says

The public's attitude toward the John Birch Society is improving despite a "dominantly negative" treatment from the press, according to Dr. N. Burnett Magruder, state coordinator for the society.

Dr. Magruder, formerly executive director of the Louisville Council of Churches, addressed a luncheon meeting of the South End Optimist Club:

He said, "I believe we are witnessing today the failure of the smear."

At the recent State Fair, he said, between 2,000 and 2,500 people visited the society's booth. Many responded favorably when they learned what the organization was all about, Magruder said.

### Called 'Vanguard'

"The John Birch Society is the vanguard, the most militant, the most active point of the conservative movement in America," he said.

The objective of the society, he said, is "to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then to take concerted action to combat it."

Dr. Magruder said, "Resist-

ance to Communism is a spiritual objective."

The Kentucky membership in the society has been "fragmented," he said, with less than 1,000 members.

He urged opposition to "the deepening morass of collectivism" and support of "the spiritual sense of values."

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## The Birch Society Is Reilluminated

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL reports that "Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, Thursday night charged once again that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower is a traitor and that the late John Foster Dulles was a Communist."

Welch, who was appearing on a New York television news panel, thus made a matter of public utterance the shockingly irrational contentions he had previously advanced in the "Blue Book," manual of the John Birch Society, and in a private letter since become public.

It is valuable to have the basic premises of the Birch Society's founder recalled now. Some of the palpable excesses he expounded had begun to recede in the background. Even some of those who are repelled by the general philosophy of the society had begun to think of it as merely an ultraconservative group whose members are expressing their frustrations in mistaken but not necessarily hurtful terms.

When it is suddenly recalled that two of the prime contentions of the society's founder remain what they were—that Eisenhower is a traitor and that Dulles was a Communist—the essentially dangerous nature of the society is brought back into sharp focus. A free society permits and even encourages the widest range of opinion. But when one segment of a society, be it large or small, equates disagreement with subversion it demonstrates a fatal misunderstanding of what freedom means.

It is not necessary to await history's verdict to assert that Dwight Eisenhower is a patriotic American, or that John Foster Dulles was opposed to Communism on the same terms that a fundamentalist preacher opposes the devil. To charge the contrary is not conservatism; it is reckless nonsense.

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**Birch Society, Dallas**

As a member of the John Birch Society, I join other Americans in expressing regrets over the recent acts of violence which occurred upon Adlai Stevenson in Dallas. Adlai would like to comment on the editorial "Dismonstrations Which Inflame Mob-Spirit," in the October 26 edition of The Courier-Journal.

The editorial asserted that the John Birch Society was responsible for this and other violent demonstrations, and that Robert Welch "has had much to do with creating the climate of terror out of which it (the Dallas demonstration) operated." Nothing could be further from the truth. Neither the Birch Society nor Robert Welch,

its founder, has or ever will advocate mob violence. In light of the Communized violence here in the United States and in other countries, why must honest citizens be blamed for shameful acts such as the Dallas one, in which the extent of violence has been overexaggerated?

Edgar Hoover said to the 1967 national convention of the American Legion: "To deny the existence of the subversive threat in the United States is to deliberately commit national suicide." In no instance has Mr. Hoover stated that the Birch Society is a "cancer on our body politic," as your editorial stated.

**MAYLE D. FAUNCE,**  
Trees Center, Box 113,  
Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

The editorial did not blame the Birch Society for the Dallas disorders. It quoted a speech made on the same day in New York by Robert Welch, founder of the Birch Society, which reiterated his earlier charge of his that President Eisenhower is a traitor and John Foster Dulles was a Communist. The conclusion that "the Birch Society and such exemplars of it as appeared in Dallas on Thursday are signs of a cancer in our body politic", was one drawn by the writer of the editorial. There was no reference made to Mr. Hoover anywhere in the editorial.—Editor.

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### John Birch Society Grieved

The tragic event of President Kennedy's assassination has brought many inquiries concerning the public response of The John Birch Society. It may be of interest to your readers to know that Mr. Robert Welch expressed to Mrs. John F. Kennedy, on behalf of the society, "Our deepest sorrow at so untimely a loss to our nation of its youngest elected President, and our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in your overwhelming personal loss."

In addition, he issued a public statement, which included the following:

"This terrible tragedy represents everything which the John Birch Society has feared for our country and to which we have been so bitterly opposed. During the past several years Communist pressures have increasingly made the assassination of heads of state a weapon of political action. But we are both horrified and saddened to see that weapon now used in our own country. Ever since The John Birch Society was founded our fight has been to create among our fellow

citizens enough understanding of the gathering crisis so that ballots not bullets would remain the means of deciding America's course and its future. We shall all devote ourselves with even more dedication in the future to informing the American people about the storm of terror which the Communists have now let loose throughout the world. Truth is our only weapon, and we wish that it could have prevailed in time to prevent so high and so horrible a crime."

DR. N. BURNETT MAGRUDER  
State coordinator for  
the John Birch Society  
Box 102, Louisville

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THE F.B.I.  
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DEAR SIRS;  
THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE TAKEN OUT A  
SUBSCRIPTION TO THE MID-WEEK EDITION OF THE WORKER,  
THE COMMUNIST PARTY PAPER, OUT OF NEW YORK.  
I THOUGHT IT BEST TO TELL YOU. I HAVE NOTHING BUT  
CONTEMPT FOR THEM, BUT I FIGURE IT'S THE BEST WAY  
TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY ARE SAYING..AND WORKING FOR.  
I HAVE ENTERED A ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TODAY..  
JANUARY 20TH, 1964.

VERY SINCERELY

P.O. Box 51  
VANCEBURG, KY.

IF YOU GO SO FAR AS TO CHECK INTO BACKGROUNDS ON  
MATTERS OF THIS NATURE..I SUGGEST YOU CONTACT  
MR. JAMES COOK..ASST. U.S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN YOUR  
TOWN....OR [REDACTED] OF LOUISVILLE.

THANK YOU.

John Elliott Society

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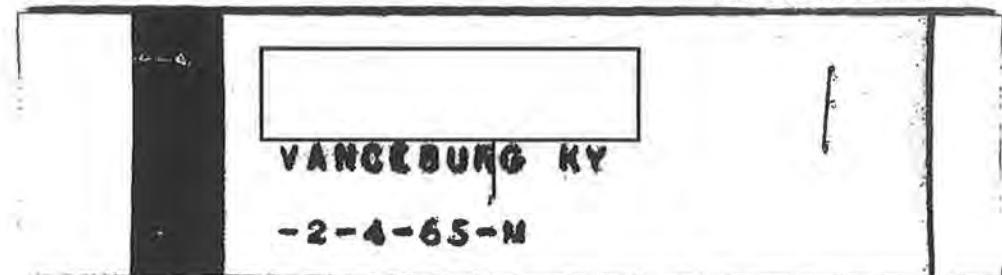
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In October, 1962, a source, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine reliability advised as follows:

[redacted] son of [redacted]  
[redacted] who then operated the [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] St.

Matthews (Louisville), Kentucky, was very anti-Semitic, contending that "the Jews" are attempting to take over the world through the U.N.; are getting all of our (U.S.) gold; The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and the Business Advisory Council (BAC) are controlled by Jews and constitute the ruling bodies of the world; Jews financed the Bolshevik revolution in the U.S.S.R. through Trotsky and control the U.S.S.R. today; President Eisenhower was controlled by Jews; Roosevelt was really a Jew named Rosenfeld; President Kennedy was a member of the CFR and made a deal whereby the Jewish-controlled CFR will make Kennedy the first president of the world; the CFR through Adlai Stevenson, prevailed upon President Kennedy to withhold air support of the Cuban invasion, and Kennedy waited until Russia had everything in Cuba that it wanted there before starting the blockade so as to take votes away from the Republicans and at the same time, comply with CFR desires.

It is source's opinion that [redacted] is severely disturbed mentally. [redacted] talks in terms of violence with regard to action against Jews and Communists. He has indicated that he would like to raise enough money to hire someone to assassinate [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] is publisher of two Louisville newspapers.

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He has indicated that he would also like to have members of the Louisville Council on Foreign Relations assassinated.

On April 22, 1963, this same source advised that [redacted] and his mother, [redacted] were in the process of disposing of [redacted] real estate in Louisville, after which they were to move to Brown County, Indiana, near a large state park where they thought they would be able to contact many tourists and carry out their work of distributing literature in such a way that they would achieve nationwide distribution through tourists.

[redacted] latest line is that the Southern states are to be turned over to Negroes and that Alabama is about to be attacked by U.N. forces.

On June 28, 1963, this source advised that [redacted] had moved to Nashville, Indiana, but that [redacted] had not followed her. [redacted] has mentioned an operation in which women associates will surreptitiously place cards among merchandise in a store saying that the merchant is helping Communists by selling merchandise imported from Iron Curtain countries. The cards would be placed after the merchant had been warned to stop selling the merchandise and would urge customers not to patronize the merchant.

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[redacted] source has decided, is a coward and would not become involved in any activity that would jeopardize his personal safety or subject him to possible prosecution for a serious offense.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 20, 1962, advised as follows:

All of source's information comes from various neighbors of [redacted] in Sleepy Hollow. Sleepy Hollow is a cooperative residential area in Oldham County, near Louisville, Kentucky. The area was formerly a cooperative summer resort area.

[redacted] is reported to have a number of guns, specifically a .45 caliber revolver, a 16 gauge shotgun, a .22 caliber rifle, a .22 caliber pistol, and a high-powered rifle.

[redacted] reportedly has some connection with the John Birch Society. [redacted] has indicated that he considers certain neighbors "hard-core Communists" and reportedly has threatened to "clean out the whole hill" of persons he considers to be Communists. Some of the neighbors are concerned.

Source noted that [redacted] had reportedly alleged that a leading Protestant clergyman was a Communist, as was the head of Bellarmine College, a Catholic institution.

[redacted] is married to [redacted] from Abilene, Texas, a [redacted]. They were married in November, 1961. [redacted] and [redacted] moved into a house in Sleepy Hollow belonging to [redacted]. [redacted] moved into another house owned by [redacted].

[redacted] seems to be a nice person, apparently adores [redacted], and can calm him down when "he is way off mentally". [redacted] is also reputedly a good marksman.

The [redacted] have pictures of Hitler and recordings regarding Nazism in their home. They talk about a big conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government, the main conspirators being Herbert Hoover, President Eisenhower, President Kennedy, and Adlai Stevenson. [redacted] has received correspondence from the Minute Men, pertaining to guerrilla warfare.

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[redacted] believe in hypnotism, reincarnation, and are food faddists, eating quantities of eggs. [redacted] has warned children in the area to beware of poison in foods, including "Tootsie Rolls".

[redacted] in November, 1962, did not have regular employment. He had previously been employed by Cameys, a concern manufacturing and leasing protective cameras.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information on August 2, 1962:

[redacted] and a resident of Little Rock, Arkansas, on July 25, 1962, became acquainted with [redacted], Kentucky, allegedly employed by [redacted].

[redacted] described himself as a representative of "Minute Men" and [redacted] arranged a meeting of some of her associates at her home before which meeting [redacted] appeared. [redacted] said that the United States Government would be overrun by Communists and Black Moslems. When the country is taken over by these groups, 20 million people will be killed immediately. [redacted] suggested that when this happened, people should not try to hold their homes but should take their families and head for the hills, taking at least a month's supply of food. Everyone should equip themselves with guns, food, and two-way radios. He said that thereafter patriots would of necessity fight the enemy through guerrilla warfare. [redacted] predicted that after Congress recessed for the summer of 1962, it would never get back into session.

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It was source's opinion that [redacted] was mentally unstable.

On December 31, 1963, [redacted], Louisville Credit Bureau, Louisville, Kentucky, advised Special Agent [redacted] as follows:

The Credit Bureau has had a great deal of experience with [redacted]. Currently there are eight claims against [redacted] and three against his wife. The claims against his wife, [redacted], arose prior to their marriage and were as a result of debts contracted in [redacted]. One of the claims against [redacted] is a [redacted] claim. Another is for [redacted] and another by the [redacted], is in the amount of [redacted].

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[redacted] in a letter to the Credit Bureau indicated that [redacted]

[redacted], possibly in [redacted]. He claimed [redacted], and that, therefore, some of the claims which purportedly arose in 1958 could not have been valid.

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Addressees for [redacted] are indicated as [redacted] and [redacted] Kentucky.

Credit records indicate that [redacted] is [redacted] second wife. She attended Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas, and a letter from that college indicates that she owes the college money.

A lengthy letter from [redacted] regarding the claims against him written in 1961 is on stationery of "Petroleum International P.O. Box 896 Telephones GL 8-3435, GL 8-7057 and CH 5-8716 (Louisville)". A pencilled notation indicates the address of Petroleum International as 2123 Edgehill Road.

First source: [redacted]

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Second source: [redacted]

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Third source: [redacted]

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**Birch Head Here  
On Crusade Faculty**

Dr. N. Burnett Magruder, director of the Christian Conservative Center here, and state coordinator for the John Birch Society, will be a member of the faculty for the third annual Anti-Communist Leader Magruder School of Christian Crusade, to be held in Shreveport, La., February 10-14.

The faculty will have 18 members led by director Billy James Hargis. The theme of the conference is "God and Government."

*Christian Crusade*

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Louisville, Kentucky 40202  
January 22, 1964

Mr. Andrew P. O'Malley  
Agent in Charge  
Secret Service  
427 Federal Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

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Dear Mr. O'Malley:

Attention is invited to my letter to you dated January 8, 1964, enclosing memoranda regarding several individuals. Included, was a memorandum regarding [redacted]

Unverified information has been received that [redacted] has moved from Louisville, Kentucky, and is now living in Nashville, Indiana, where his mother, [redacted] operates a book store.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Stoddard  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-63)

DATE: March 24, 1964

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]  
Racial Matter

On instant date captioned individual phoned the Louisville Office and advised that she was a member of the John Birch Society and as such would probably need protection against the Communist, particularly the "American Communists" against whom she voiced "loud and ~~mm~~ continuous protest." Among this group she fears EARL WARREN. She says she has a Letter from Mr. Hoover and is a friend of the Director!

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[redacted] gave her address as [redacted],

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## P READERS' VIEWS

**Would Probe State Department***To The Editor of The Courier-Journal:*

According to the disclosures of Michal Golienewski, high-ranking operative in Russia's secret police until his defection in 1961, Communist cells are operating in our Central Intelligence Agency and our State Department—and "every United States agency except the F.B.I."

On May 17, 1954, President Eisenhower issued a directive which has prevented employees of the executive branch of the Government from giving loyalty information to Congressional investigating committees, which have done the effective housecleaning in the past.

The executive branch has rarely been willing to locate and get rid of subversive personnel. For example, the F.B.I. furnished the information about Alger Hiss to the proper authorities in 1942, but Hiss was continued in the State Department for nearly six more years until the investigations by the House Committee on Un-American Activities made the information public.

The existence of Communists in policy-making positions in our Government explains our unbroken record of foreign policy defeats for the past 20 years.

Public demand through letters to our Congressmen for a full-scale investigation of the State Department will help remedy this situation. If the State Department people won't testify, their appropriation ought to be cut off until they do.

RICHARD C. OLDHAM  
312 S. Fifth, Louisville

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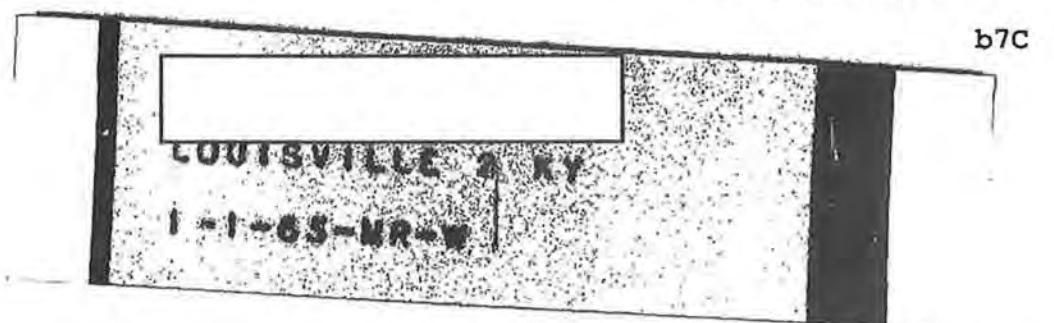
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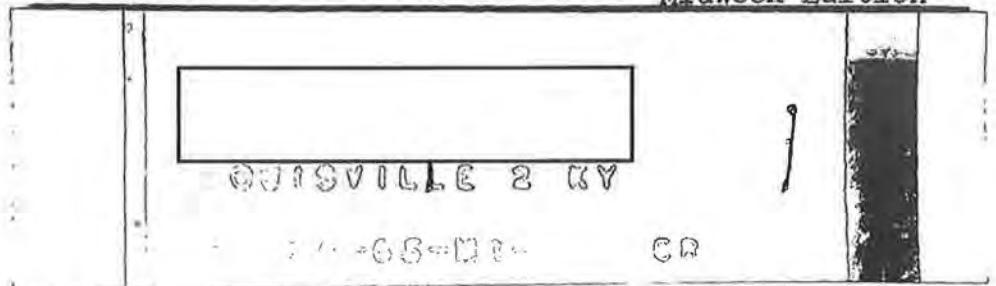
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**Defends Birch Society**

It seems to be a favorite pastime of many folk these days to vilify the John Birch Society because one of its members (Professor Oliver) accused President Kennedy of being a traitor. It appears that nearly everyone has forgotten that some are still left in this country who speak only for themselves. The socialist idea of mass thinking certainly doesn't apply to the John Birch Society.

The liberals talk out of both sides of their mouth. They claim to abhor hate, but out of the other side they spread venom against one of the few remaining organizations which tries to warn our people against the very real danger of Communism from within. No, I am not a member of the John Birch Society. I'm just trying to be a true and loyal, law-abiding, God-fearing citizen.

I hope my past record, which consists of serving four years in the U. S. Army as a captain in World War II and participating in six major campaigns against the Japanese, will allow me to be called a "superpatriot." I hope my conduct in the future will allow me to be called a superpatriot—even though the liberals have made superpatriot a dirty word.

MALCOLM WOLFORD  
Box 146, Liberty, Ky.

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**READER**  
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 Would Probe State Department

To The Editor of The Courier-Journal:

According to the disclosures of Michal Goleniewski, high-ranking operative in Russia's secret police until his defection in 1961, Communist cells are operating in our Central Intelligence Agency and our State Department—and "every United States agency except the F.B.I."

On May 17, 1954, President Eisenhower issued a directive which has prevented employees of the executive branch of the Government from giving loyalty information to Congressional investigating committees, which have done the effective housecleaning in the past.

The executive branch has rarely been willing to locate and get rid of subversive personnel. For example, the F.B.I. furnished the information about Alger Hiss to the proper authorities in 1942, but Hiss was continued in the State Department for nearly six more years until the investigations by the House Committee on Un-American Activities made the information public.

The existence of Communists in policy-making positions in our Government explains our unbroken record of foreign policy defeats for the past 20 years.

Public demand through letters to our Congressmen for a full-scale investigation of the State Department will help remedy this situation. If the State Department people won't testify, their appropriation ought to be cut off until they do.

RICHARD C. OLDHAM  
 312 S. Fifth, Louisville

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# Every Vote for "The Civil Rights Act of 1963"

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# A NAIL FOR THE COFFIN OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC

A recent president of the American Bar Association has solemnly declared: "The proposed extension of federal executive and administrative control over business, industry, individual citizens and the states by the package of legislation called 'The Civil Rights Act of 1963' exceeds the sum total of all such extensions by all decisions of the Supreme Court and all Acts of Congress from 1787 to June 19, 1963. When future generations look back through the eyes of history at this legislation they will recognize ten percent of 'civil rights' and ninety percent extension of raw federal power."

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The results of this legislation would be enormous suffering by, and oppression of, both our white citizens and Negro citizens alike; and such turmoil, rioting, bitterness and chaos as benefits only the Communists—or a federal government drunk with its drive for power. For a free copy of a brief analysis of this legislation by highest legal authority, write to *The Louisville Committee To Preserve The American Republic*, 312 South Fifth Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202. For a full understanding of the background, forces, and purposes behind this legislation, send one dollar for *The Civil Rights Packet* to the address below.

In the meantime, the last bulwark against this Act is the hard pressed opposition within the United States Senate. If you oppose this "Civil Rights Act of 1963," make your protest known, emphatically and immediately, by telegrams and letters, not only to your own Senators but to as many other Senators as you can. The address in every case is simply Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC LOUISVILLE [redacted]

DATE: July 19, 1964

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact 7-17-64

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MILLARD DEE GRUBBS - RACIAL MATTERS 62-996

RACIAL SITUATION, LOUISVILLE DIVISION 157-76

Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE Source declared that [redacted]  
 POSITIVE with MILLARD GRUBBS in the past couple of weeks. GRUBBS

[redacted]. Source stated [redacted] to him that GRUBBS is getting too old to do much and that he [redacted]

Source declared from he could learn [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] GRUBBS [redacted]

[redacted] GRUBBS and active in the John Birch Society. In connection with the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, the source indicated that [redacted]

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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**John Birchers' Woos Negroes**

**Negro Wooing**

**Termed Oddity**

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 can politicians would believe that Negroes would join the John Birch Society to the extent that they now solicit their membership. Worse still is the direct connection of Synder and Goldwater Campaigns with John Birch Society membership solicitations.

Letters are being received by Negroes this week containing campaign literature and a photo of third district Congressman M. G. "Gene" Synder, along with a membership application to the John Birch Society. Other materials included are two pamphlets on Senator Barry Goldwater.

The linking of Goldwater and Synder and the John Birch Society in a single envelope is not surprising in view of the Republican Party's total refusal to denounce extremists groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and John Birchers.

The oddity is that Republi-

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# Keep Pressure Out, Hargis Urges

The Rev. Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, a right-wing evangelist, said in Louisville yesterday that pressure groups on both the left and right should sit out the presidential campaign.

The election will give voters a clear-cut choice between the liberal and conservative philosophies of government, he said. The Republican nominee, Senator Barry M. Goldwater, is fully capable of presenting the case for the conservatives and President Lyndon B. Johnson the case for the liberals, he said.

Hargis, head of the anti-Communist Christian Crusade, expressed the view at a press conference after arriving here to address a meeting last night in the Kentucky Hotel.

## Pickets March

About 40 pickets carrying signs protesting Hargis' conservative views marched quietly on the Walnut and Fourth Street sides of the hotel from 6:45 p.m. until the meeting started an hour later. No incidents were reported.

The picket line was organized by the Jefferson County Committee on Political Education, A.F.L.-C.I.O. Several pickets were stationed at hotel doorways to pass out literature denouncing political extremism in general and Hargis in particular.

Midway in the picketing, Hargis stepped from the hotel with a camera in hand and began snapping pictures of some of the sign carriers. Hargis said later he planned to run the pictures in his monthly magazine, the Christian Crusade.

*At the press conference*

Hargis also made these comments:

✓ President Johnson will move toward the right politically because of a nationwide trend toward conservatism.

✓ Goldwater's record on civil rights is better than Johnson's. Hargis cited Johnson's remarks as a senator and Goldwater's record pressing for voluntary integration in Arizona.

✓ All the information being gathered by the commission investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy should be made public. The nation's newspapers have always fought for open trials, Hargis said, but they have fallen silent on the commission's activity. He wondered why the American Civil Liberties Union isn't battling to open the commission's records.

✓ The problems of Cuba and Vietnam have neutralized Johnson's popularity so that the outcome of the presidential election is now a "toss-up."

## Speaks To 400

Hargis spoke last night to about 400 people at a meeting sponsored by the Louisville Christian Crusade Committee.

Hargis urged the audience to toe the battle line of conservatism. "They'll call you a Nazi, a bigot, a fascist," he said, "... but Christ says you ought to make up your mind."

Also speaking was Dr. Fernando Penabaz, a Cuban refugee and writer in exile. Penabaz, who said he was an adviser to the Republican Party platform committee on Cuba and Latin America, charged that American liberals call Cuban military strength a myth, while in fact, the island is a "huge (missile) base aimed at the United States."

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CANDID CAMERA . . . The Rev. Billy James Hargis, right-wing evangelist, paid a surprise visit to the front of the Kentucky Hotel early last night to take snapshots of pickets protesting his appearance at a meeting there. The subject is Richard L. Miller, secretary-treasurer of the Jefferson County Committee on Political Education, AFL-CIO, which organized the protest.

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## Hargis Asks '64 Silence From Pressure Groups

Evangelist Billy James Hargis today called for "people who lead pressure groups of the left and right to remain quiet" through the presidential political campaign.

Hargis, head of the Christian Crusade, conservative organization, said Senator Barry Goldwater, the Republican nominee for president, is a good exponent of the conservative position and President Lyndon B. Johnson is a good exponent of the liberal position.

Hargis, of Tulsa, said Goldwater and Johnson, "the spokesmen for the two causes, should debate the issues," without interference from political pressure groups.

As head of the Christian Crusade, he is not going to speak on the political situation when he appears before groups, he said.

Hargis will discuss "victory

over domestic Communism" at a public meeting at 7:30 to night in the Kentucky Hotel.

The heavy-set evangelist, who is in his early 30's, said he feels the nomination of Goldwater is the "healthiest situation politically that has happened in my lifetime."

He called the nomination "a great step" toward a possible realignment of political parties in the United States, with one party and liberals in another.

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**Defends The Birch Society**

Suppose, just suppose, that is if your prejudices permit you to suppose, that what the John Birch Society says about itself is true. They say that they are an educational society and it is true that they have made reprints of many books and reports which were suppressed when the Communists were running rampant within the government of the United States, reprints of Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane's book "I Saw Poland Betrayed"; Major Jordan's book, "From Major Jordan's Journal"—he saw the atom bomb being given to Russia; Gordon's "Nine Men Against America" which is a devastating appraisal of the Supreme Court and its decisions since Earl Warren became Chief Justice. Another is "46 Angry Men: U.N.O. Violations in Katanga." This is a written report by 46 civilian doctors of Elisabethville, the Congo.

As I say, just suppose they were telling the truth. What would have happened if it was true? Wouldn't the Daily Worker, now called The Worker, a Communist organ, have screamed its head off for destruction of the organization? Well, they did. Wouldn't the left-wing press have followed the demands of The Worker that the John Birch Society be liquidated? They did just that.

You don't have to believe the John Birch Society or The Worker or the left-wing press. Write to the Senate fact-finding committee on Un-American activities and ask for a copy of its report on the John Birch Society. It is free.

G. N. HARDEMAN  
5609 Brownsboro Road, Louisville

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC LOUISVILLE [redacted] DATE: 8/6/64

FROM : SA [redacted] b2  
SA [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] CI SI  
SUBJECT: [redacted] b7C PCI PSI  
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Dates of Contact		
July 28 & 29, 1964		
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[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	
Purpose and results of contact		
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Informant advised that he did not attend meeting on July 27, 1964, which was allegedly sponsored by the John Birch Society and held in the Kentucky Hotel. Informant noted that [redacted] a [redacted] Louisville, Ky., was to get in touch with a [redacted] (phonetic) relative to the attendance of both or them at the affair and with the purpose of having them act as ushers. [redacted] did not contact him and accordingly he did not go to the affair. (info furnished telephonically on 7/28/64)		
Source indicated that [redacted] on the date prior to that time, 7/29/64, was elected [redacted] b7C of the [redacted] at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Plant, Louisville, Ky. [redacted] had indicated to him that in the past he had fought the communists and done so in connection with a union near Milwaukee which the source thought was the UAW. Informant noted that [redacted] in mentioning the MINUTE MEN to him noted that the organization was to be based on "brotherly love"		
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and meant that members were to be ready in a minute to help their fellow man. [redacted] in talking with the source indicated that he was pro-Negro until [redacted]

[redacted] At that time [redacted] took an anti-Negro stand on the racial question.

Source declared that there were no additional developments relative to the finding of the minute men organization in Louisville and [redacted] had been rather reticent in explaining to him details regarding the organization.

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developments in this connection are contingent upon the [redacted]

the name of [redacted] who currently lives in Jeffersonville, Indiana or its vicinity. The source stated that he would attempt to elicit from [redacted] particulars regarding the aims and purposes of the organization as well as information which might be set forth in a set of bylaws.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-63)

DATE: 8/20/64

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: UNSUB.,  
Possible member of John Birch  
Society

On 7/23/64, Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted]

Army Intelligence Officer, Ft. Knox, Ky., appeared at RA, E'town, Ky.,  
and advised they wanted to get acquainted with resident agent, and  
also to advise that Mrs. [redacted] Civilian Employee, Ft. b7C  
Knox, Ky., reported that her daughter is a summer student at HS,  
Eli zabethtown, Ky., and she said that on 7/21/64, and unsub., had  
a book at school in manuscript form, which alleged that former  
President ~~EX~~ DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER was a communist. This person  
approached [redacted] offered her the book, if she would read it  
and pass it on, but she refused it.

Info being submitted as it appears to have been person  
associated with John Birch Society.

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## Birch Officer Claims Membership Surge

Associated Press

Washington — John Roussetot, national public-relations director of the John Birch Society, said yesterday there has been "a tremendous surge" in society membership in New Jersey in the past few months.

And in California requests to attend meetings "have almost tripled" since the Republican National Convention in July, he added.

Roussetot, former Republican congressman from California, gave no figures.

But in an interview on a non-network television program, he also said:

"We are picking up membership in Virginia and progressing better in Eastern states generally than we were originally." There is also increased society activity in Maryland and Washington, D. C., he claimed.

Roussetot repeated the conservative society's call for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, claiming he has "torn great holes in the Constitution" with "unwarranted . . . improper decisions."

He said these decisions were in fields in which the court had no right to legislate.

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## Birch Official Raps Warren-Unit Probe

Associated Press

Los Angeles—An official of the John Birch Society says the Warren Commission's report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy will be "as complete, a whitewash as (Chief Justice) Earl Warren can get away with."

Dr. Revilo P. Oliver, member of the society's national council and a professor of classics at the University of Illinois, said the Warren Commission is "illegal and unconstitutional," set up "on the demand of the Communist Party."

Only Texas State authorities, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, or the

Senate subcommittee on internal security had the legal right to investigate, Oliver said. Oliver, in this area for some speeches, told a news conference that he doubted the commission's report ever would be released. He said he had little hope it would bring out the truth.

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CORBIN, KENTUCKY-40701  
PHONE 108

September 29, 1964

F.B.I.  
211 Madrid Building  
Louisville 2, Ky.

Dear Sir,

I would like information about the "John Birch Society",  
and its official standing with the F.B.I.

Yours very truly,

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*Reply please*

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211 Madrid Building  
Louisville 2, Kentucky  
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[Redacted]  
Corbin, Kentucky 40701

Dear [Redacted]

I am sorry that this Bureau is unable to  
answer your recent inquiry.

Information in the files of the FBI is  
confidential and can be furnished only to certain  
authorized agencies. You should not infer from my  
inability to answer your question that the files  
of this office either do or do not contain data  
pertinent to the subject matter of your inquiry.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
Paul H. Stoddard  
Special Agent in Charge

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The John Birch Supplement

I want to thank you for calling my attention to the November 1 Sunday supplement purchased by the John Birch Society. I thank you because in my effort to sift through the melee of "liberal," Socialistic propaganda that so exemplifies the contents of your two papers, I might have overlooked this supplement were it not for the notice on the front page.

It must have been a terrific strain on your "liberalism" to accept the money from this organization for printing it. I challenge you to stretch your "liberalism" and "belief in the principle of free speech" and your conviction that "all points of view should be allowed expression" by following one example of other newspapers that have reluctantly published this supplement and contributing the money received from this organization that has been labeled by the Communist Daily Worker as "un-American," to some nationally known charity organization.

May I suggest one for you? The Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation. I am not a member of the John Birch Society. I merely hate your form of "liberalism."

WILLIAM WELSH  
331 Alger Ave., Louisville

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Lexington, Kentucky.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Louisville, Kentucky:

Gentlemen:

Kindly advise  
where I can get informa-  
tion on the "John Birke So-  
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I have teenage children  
and have heard the above  
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Louisville, Kentucky 40202  
December 11, 1964

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Lexington, Kentucky 40502

Dear [redacted]:

I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 8, 1964, wherein you inquire as to where you might obtain information concerning the John Birch Society.

While the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated, I must advise that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a fact-finding agency, and as such is not authorized to comment concerning the matter of your inquiry. Also, information in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is confidential, under the custody of the United States Attorney General, and can not be disclosed except as authorized by him. My inability to be of assistance to you should not be interpreted as meaning this Bureau does or does not have information of interest to your inquiry.

Again thanking you for the interest which prompted you to write, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Paul H. Stoddard  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Defends The Birch Society**

W. M. Watkins's Readers' Views letter of December 20, caused me, out of curiosity, to learn what I could of the John Birch Society.

All available evidence indicates that little or no interest was shown in the Birch Society until card-carrying Communists along with their sympathizers, fellow-travelers, dupes, ultra-liberals, bleeding heart do-gooders and political opportunists (all of whom advocate or further the Marxist theory) began an all-out campaign in late 1961 against all organizations that were effectively opposing Communism.

I found the membership consisted of Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Moslems, whites, Negroes and just about every other race, creed or color and that their sole purpose is opposing Communism wherever it may appear due to its announced intentions of establishing a dictatorship over every nation in the world and enslaving its population. Their members do not compromise their religious or cultural customs but, in pursuit of a common cause, tolerate each others' beliefs. I found no official or unofficial "hate" programs or sentiments among the members with whom I have talked.

Mr. Watkins should learn as much about the John Birch Society as he professes to know of the dreaded K.K.K., thereby rendering himself, as well as his country, a great and patriotic service.

**D. E. STOVALE**  
6003 Rocky Mountain Dr., Louisville

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**Defends The Birch Society**

In reference to the December 20 letter by W. M. Watkins, he said he knew little about the John Birch Society. Mr. Watkins can write to P. O. Box 102, Louisville 1, Ky., for information. If he likes, he can sit in on a John Birch Society presentation.

I can assure him or anyone that it is no comparison to the K.K.K. The John Birch Society does not believe in violence. It is strictly constitutional. John Birch was a captain in the U.S. Army and was killed at the hands of the Red Chinese. He was a Baptist missionary in China and volunteered in General Chenault's Army. He was killed while on a secret mission for the U.S. Government. Most of China mourned his death. The John Birch Society was founded in honor of Captain John Birch.

I don't believe there is a group of people that is more extreme or hates more than the Communists. There are 45 Communist goals listed in the Congressional Record that every good American should know about. Mr. Watkins should know just being a good ordinary American is not halting the Communists.

**ERIC FEAVLER**  
6909 Fegenbush Lane, Louisville

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**Birch Society's  
1964 Income  
\$3.2 Million**

Los Angeles (AP)—The John Birch Society's gross income in 1964 was \$3.2 million, or double the 1963 income, the society's public-relations director said yesterday.

John Rousselot, who is also the publisher of the Birch monthly magazine, American Opinion, said the income came almost exclusively from membership dues and contributions.

Expenditures last year nearly equaled income, Rousselot said.

The society does not reveal its membership total, but Rousselot said last year's membership increase was "substantially more than double."

Reed Benson, son of former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, has established residence in Washington and soon will open a Birch information office, Rousselot said.

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February 8, 1965

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[redacted] Nicholasville, Kentucky, was interviewed in a Bureau automobile in Nicholasville, Kentucky. He was advised by SA [redacted] [redacted] that the purpose of this interview was to determine if he had heard or possessed any knowledge concerning any individual or group which might be gathering arms for the purpose of possibly planning an insurrectionary act against the United States Government. Agent [redacted] told b7C [redacted] that in the event he was willing to talk with the Agents and during the conversation made any statement indicating a possible violation of law on his part, such statements could be used against him in a court and he was under no obligation to make any statement and could consult an attorney prior to making any statement. [redacted] stated he had absolutely no objection to talking with Agents and in fact was glad of this opportunity as he has great admiration for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He further said that he is not and has not been in violation of any law and had no reason not to fully and freely discuss any matters the Agents might desire to discuss with him.

[redacted] said he personally knows of no individual or groups or has any reason to believe any individual or group is gathering arms or planning an insurrectionary act against the United States Government. He said that certainly he himself is not engaged in any such activities or has any plans to engage in any such activities and would never condone such activities on the part of any other person. He advised that should he ever receive any personal knowledge of such activities he would immediately advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He b7C remarked that the only group he could think of who might possibly be engaged in such activities is a group known as the "Minutemen" and only mentioned this because of material he has read in publications now and then indicating the "Minutemen" are gathering arms. With respect to the "Minutemen" [redacted] said he knows nothing personally concerning the organization, is not a member, has never contributed financially to this organization, and has no desire to become associated with it. He said he knows of no unit of the "Minutemen" in existence in the Kentucky area.

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On 2/4/65 at Nicholasville, Kentucky File # LS 157-189  
by SA [redacted] and  
SA [redacted] WLW/mjr Date dictated 2/5/65

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[redacted] remarked he would like to volunteer the following information concerning himself and certain beliefs to which he holds:

He is supposed to be in some manner distantly related to Senator [redacted] of Kentucky but in no way holds the same political beliefs as the Senator. Approximately 10 to 15 years ago, [redacted] came to the conclusion that the Democrats and Republicans in the United States were in effect advocating the same policies, which policies in [redacted] opinion were much too liberal. He started looking around in [redacted] order to become associated with a more conservative type group. On one occasion he was in New Orleans and went to an affair in which [redacted] spoke and was interested in what [redacted] had to say. He began to receive material published by [redacted]. Later in about 1956, he went to a Congress of Freedom meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi. There he met [redacted] then publisher of [redacted]. [redacted] was very impressed with [redacted] and the material he published and referred to [redacted] as a man "who gave his life for the cause". After meeting [redacted], [redacted] started anonymously entering subscriptions for [redacted] material to various individuals without the individuals knowledge. [redacted] himself, began to receive many publications, many of which were unsolicited. Included in the material he began to receive was some publications by [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois. Later [redacted] began to receive material published by GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL of the American Nazi Party. [redacted] became tremendously impressed with ROCKWELL's material and met him personally. In fact, ROCKWELL has visited [redacted] at home in [redacted], Kentucky. [redacted] became a great admirer and personal friend of ROCKWELL's and firmly believes ROCKWELL is a most sincere person in the things he advocates and actually has on occasions seen ROCKWELL shed tears in connection with his beliefs. [redacted] maintains contact with ROCKWELL and "in fact, I spoke with the Commander by phone last night." [redacted] said that Commander ROCKWELL would never tolerate any of his followers acting contrary to the laws of the land and [redacted] has heard ROCKWELL say that if any of the followers are going to act contrary to the law, do not advise ROCKWELL beforehand, because if they do, ROCKWELL will report them to the proper authorities.

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[redacted] said he is not a member of the American Nazi Party but he has contributed to it financially and receives material published by it.

About March of 1964, [redacted], together with a friend, name not stated, joined the Chapter of the John Birch Society, in Lexington, Kentucky. This group is headed by [redacted]. Shortly after joining [redacted] gave [redacted] a copy of Commander ROCKWELL's book "This Time The World". This was during a meeting of the Lexington Chapter of the Birch Society. In the next meeting, [redacted] announced to those in attendance about ROCKWELL's book, that he, [redacted], had read it and felt everyone present should read the book, as it showed that ROCKWELL was a man who was really doing something and not just talking. Also at this meeting a recording of a speech b7C which ROCKWELL had given in the past, which recording belonged to [redacted] was played for those in attendance. As a result a [redacted] of Lexington, Kentucky, who was present took exception to the apparent advocacy on behalf of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL on the part of [redacted] and his friend and wrote [redacted] requesting that [redacted] and his friend be expelled from the Lexington Chapter of the John Birch Society. [redacted] declined to accede to [redacted] request. She pursued the matter, however, and a later meeting was held by higher John Birch Society authorities including a [redacted] of Louisville, Kentucky, whom [redacted] understands is the Kentucky Coordinator for the John Birch Society, and a man named [redacted] (phonetic) from Chicago, Illinois, reportedly the Regional Head of the Birch Society in this area. As a result of this meeting, [redacted] and his friend were returned the dues they had paid to the John Birch Society and were expelled from the Society.

[redacted] mentioned that sometime back a [redacted] from the Lexington, Kentucky, area came to [redacted] wanting to know all about the American Nazi Party. [redacted] said he had been approached by two men in Lexington, Kentucky, identities unknown, but who were in an automobile bearing license plates of the State of Ohio, which automobile had a swastika affixed to the back window. According to [redacted] the men wanted [redacted] to join the American Nazi Party. [redacted] told [redacted] about the American Nazi Party and [redacted] never having heard of the men, reportedly in the car with Ohio

tags, checked with American Nazi Party Headquarters in Virginia and was told that the men in the car were not legitimate and [redacted] thought possibly the [redacted] men might have been representatives of the Anti-Defamation League purporting to be American Nazi Party members. [redacted] and [redacted] went to Lexington, Kentucky, to try to find these men but their efforts were unsuccessful.

As a result of [redacted] conversation with [redacted], [redacted] went to the Headquarters of the American Nazi Party in Arlington, Virginia, and was accepted into the party. b7C [redacted] claimed to be an ordained Baptist minister and because of such he was named Chaplin of the American Nazi Party. Not long after, however, [redacted] was observed driving a large Cadillac automobile and claiming to be the nephew of [redacted] of Kentucky. Commander ROCKWELL wondered concerning [redacted] and personally checked with [redacted] concerning [redacted]. Later [redacted] stole an ambulance in the Arlington, Virginia, area and went through town riding with a group of girls with the siren blasting. As a result of [redacted] activities, he was expelled from the American Nazi Party.

To [redacted] knowledge there has not been any Ku Klux Klan activity in Kentucky for many years. He, himself, has never been a member of any Klan. In about 1959 in Louisville, Kentucky, [redacted] met [redacted] of the National States Rights Party and has received copies of that party's publication, "The Thunderbolt". [redacted] never joined the National States Rights Party and knows b7C of no unit of this organization now in existence in Kentucky.

[redacted] is acquainted with MILLARD GRUBBS of Louisville, Kentucky, the Chairman of the Citizens Council of Kentucky, Inc., and also the Chairman of the National Law Enforcement Committee. [redacted] is not a member of GRUBBS' organization and referred to GRUBBS as "the old man".

[redacted] further volunteered that with respect to the people around Nicholasville, Kentucky, no one needs to worry that they will engage in any violent acts in connection with the matter of integration. [redacted] said that the problem with respect to such people is not "trying to hold them back but rather trying to get them out of their complacency." [redacted] mentioned that several years ago he and a man named [redacted], then a school teacher in Shelbyville, Kentucky, thought alike with respect to the matter of integration and associated frequently. However, when the schools in Shelbyville, Kentucky, became integrated [redacted] refused to teach in them and left and went to South Carolina. [redacted] commented that he feels that because of "the black and white" situation and current developments relating thereto, chaotic conditions could erupt in the next four or five years in the United States. In explanation he said he personally feels the black man is being given preferential treatment; that this coupled with automation, eventually will mean a black man will replace a white man in a job thereby resulting in the white man's wife and family starving and when this situation is reached, conditions will become chaotic.

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[redacted] further volunteered that he feels the policies of the Federal Government are much too liberal and there currently exists too much Federal control over the life of people in this country. He, himself, is a farmer and believes the policies of the Federal Government with respect to control of products to be grown, the principal product being grown by [redacted] being tobacco, starves the ambition of the farmer and also hurts the farmer financially. He commented in his opinion President JOHNSON "would sell out his own mother" and [redacted] believes the forces who got the president elected are now worrying about the fact he is elected and whether or not he can be trusted.

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# Birch Society Leader Calls Dr. King A 'Troublemaker'

From L.A. Times-Washington Post Service and NYT Dispatches

Los Angeles—Robert Welch Jr., John Birch society founder, accuses Nobel Peace Prize winner Martin Luther King Jr. of being a "hypocritical troublemaker . . . who has been trained by the Communists."

Welch's accusation comes in a pamphlet outlining his plans to build conservative support for political candidates.

*In the same pamphlet, Welch, who will be here Monday to begin a series of speeches, also says:*

✓ Secretary of State Dean Rusk "was one of the chief architects of American foreign policy that betrayed Chiang Kai-shek and placed China in the hands of Mao Tze-tung," after which Rusk "became for years one of Nelson Rockefeller's stable of liberals . . ." ✓ Rusk "fought every step of the way on every occasion for those decisions which were bound to bring about" the "defeat and betrayal" of the Bay of Pigs invaders of Cuba.

✓ The "real purpose" of the "Washington machine, as dominated by our State Department," is to have South Viet Nam "fall into Communist hands, without letting it appear that we pushed it."

*The society's march bulletin, just received, also provides a*



ROBERT H. W. WELCH JR.  
Asks \$10 to \$50,000

*preview of some of the things* Welch plans to talk about in his speeches in this area to show "the near-idiocy of so much that the American people calmly accept today as making sense." Among these:

✓ The United States is giving millions of dollars to "Communist Poland, which Poland in turn gives to Ho Chi Minh's Communist regime in North Viet Nam, whom we are now fighting in South Viet Nam."

✓ "We contend that for Protestant clergymen to give public parties for known homosexuals borders on insanity."

✓ "We contend that for the federal government to set up an organization and spend tax money to relieve poverty in such cities as Beverly Hills, Calif., borders on insanity."

✓ "We contend that for high schools to promote pornography under the guise of sex education; that for great church organizations to recommend some of the most blasphemous books in print, under the pretense of supporting academic freedom; that for a

judge to turn loose at once, on probation, an armed burglar caught in the act, and then when the same man is again caught in the same act in less than three weeks' time, to turn him loose again . . . border on insanity."

#### Contributions Asked

The pamphlet also outlined plans to form at least 50 chapters of 20 members each in 325 congressional districts.

It announced the start of a \$12 million membership drive to establish the chapters, and Welch appealed for contributions of anywhere from \$10 to \$50,000.

Welch said he wrote off 25 per cent of the districts as being areas where "the left-wing political strength is so preponderant that it will be wiser to put our more serious effort elsewhere."

He told an audience at Amherst College the other night that membership nationally stood between 80,000 and 100,000 and that the society now has 800 "section leaders" around the country.

The pamphlet said its contents, announcing the membership drive, "ought to dispel now for all time the falsehood, so carefully nurtured by the liberal press, that the John Birch Society is a secret or 'semisecret' organization."

#### Up To The Individual

However, John H. Rousselot, national public relations director of the society, said society policy still is "to leave it to the individual to name himself (as a Birch member) if he so desires."

The same policy, he declared applies to disclosing how many members there are.

Rousselot said the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union follow the same policy, "but this has never been pointed out."

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**Questions Headline**

Your readers are entitled to a clarification of the banner headline, "FBI Blames Guardsmen at Kent State," which appeared on the front page of the July 23 Final Home edition. This was undeniably a declarative statement, submitted as fact.

The next afternoon however, you carried an Associated Press dispatch in which the FBI stated that it had released its report only to the Justice Department and "did not draw any conclusions of any type..."

Some questions arise: Why was this highly significant information relegated to page A 10? Did not the FBI statement merit front page exposure, especially since it directly contradicted your banner headline of the previous day? Finally, is it true that the FBI, as the name suggests, is an investigative bureau that does not make public recommendations?

Rev. ROBERT G. EPPLER  
6817 Green Meadow Circle, Louisville

Use of "blame" in the headline may have been too strong. But it should be noted that the FBI report, according to the Associated Press story, which has not been denied, called the shootings by Guardsmen "not necessary and not in order." Nonetheless, The Times carried in a front-page story of July 23, Red Flash edition, a Justice Department statement that no conclusions were reached (the statement arrived too late for the Final Home), as well as the FBI statement the next day.—Editor.

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# Birch Agent Preaches Society's Gospel Here

By JACK AYER

Ex-missionary Reed Benson, in a speech here last night, preached the gospel of political salvation through the John Birch Society.

"Why wait till we're 90 per cent on the Gallup Poll? Join now," Benson told a crowd that about half filled the Gottschalk Junior High School auditorium.

"I hope I can envision the day when it won't be a case of 'are you a Bircher,' but 'when did you join?'" Benson said.

Benson described Birch, an American soldier in Asia during World War II, as a man "often referred to as our single most important individual in that theater of war." He called him "one of America's greatest heroes."

#### Applause Frequent

Dr. N. Burnett Magruder, the local Birch coordinator, estimated the crowd at 500 to 600 people. They were generally sympathetic to Benson's message, applauding frequently. All but a dozen or so stayed for the entire two-hour talk.

Outside the auditorium, the society sold Birch books and pamphlets and distributed advertising material. A feature was a men's pocket ornament



**REED BENSON**  
Denounces 'liberal press'

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~~The~~ audience applauded.  
Benson said the society was not widely known before 1960 because of "the old conspiracy of silence" on the part of the liberal press.

He said society membership "splits down to about 50-50" between Republicans and Democrats. Benson is a former Republican party employee. His father is former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson.

#### Recalls Campaign

Benson recalled that he had taken a hard line on foreign policy in an unsuccessful campaign for Congress in 1962. He said an opponent asked him, "do you want to start a nuclear war?"

Benson said, "My answer to him was, 'Okay, where you going to draw the line?'"

Benson also won applause with some jesting criticism of movies today. He was telling an anecdote about his own family and his wife.

"Sometimes I take her to a show," he said. "Not too often, of course, because she's such a clean girl . . . thank goodness for Walt Disney, but in any case . . ." he said, as the audience responded.

SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-3346)

4/16/65

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On April 12, 1965, [redacted] Kentucky, telephone [redacted], personally appeared at the Louisville Office of the FBI and furnished the following information:

He is a member of the John Birch Society and came to the Louisville Office of the FBI upon the advice of [redacted] an official of the John Birch Society in Kentucky and head of the [redacted] in the [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky. [redacted] said that with respect to the following information, it was also [redacted] opinion that [redacted] had acted foolishly in becoming involved but having done so, he, [redacted] should advise the FBI of this information.

A [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky, telephone [redacted] a member of the Air Force stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and a student at the University of Louisville, had heard talk at the University of Louisville about a Students for Social Action group. [redacted] became concerned about this group and desired to learn more about it. [redacted] and [redacted] decided it would be a good idea to telephone [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky, concerning the group feeling that if the group was Communistic, [redacted] would know of it. Accordingly, on Friday, April 9, 1965, [redacted] dialed [redacted] home phone number and [redacted] engaged the person answering the phone in conversation. [redacted] used the name of [redacted]. An individual identifying herself as [redacted] answered the phone and [redacted] identifying himself as [redacted] and a student at the University of Louisville, inquired for

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information concerning the Students for Social Action. [redacted] invited [redacted] to the [redacted] home to discuss this. He accepted. [redacted] assuming the name of [redacted] [redacted] accompanied [redacted] to the [redacted] home, using [redacted] automobile. Upon arrival at the home they b7C were invited in by [redacted] and after disposing of "preliminary pleasantries and introductions" started to question [redacted] concerning the Students for Social Action.

[redacted] advised that a group was holding a "little party" that evening on Sunset Avenue, at which time all information concerning the Students for Social Action could be obtained and suggested [redacted] and [redacted] attend. They accepted the invitation whereupon [redacted] said that [redacted] and her husband could ride up to the party with [redacted] and [redacted]. This suggestion considerably disturbed [redacted] because [redacted] automobile had a Confederate flag on the front bumper and small Confederate flags as ornaments in the interior and the bumper also had a "Support your local Police" sticker, a bumper sticker distributed by the John Birch Society. [redacted] realized that should [redacted] or the [redacted] observe such stickers on [redacted] car they would immediately realize [redacted] true sentiments and [redacted] and [redacted] would be exposed.

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In order to avoid this situation developing, [redacted] together with [redacted], hurriedly exited from the [redacted] residence without offering the [redacted] a ride. As they were about to enter [redacted] automobile, after being in the [redacted] home about 10 minutes having arrived about 8:30 p.m., a young white male, driving a wine or maroon colored Corvair, drove up to the [redacted] residence. This individual identified himself as [redacted] at whose home the party spoken of by [redacted] was being held and he offered to lead the way for [redacted] and [redacted] to the party. They accepted.

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The party was held at a home on [redacted], the address not clearly recalled by [redacted] but believed to be possibly [redacted]. En route to the party, [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] were busily engaged in trying to remove whatever Confederate-type stickers they could from [redacted] automobile in order to not expose themselves as being in opposition to [redacted] and the group at whose party they were about to attend.

Upon arrival at the party, [redacted] and [redacted] were accepted without question and they remained for about one and a half to two hours. [redacted] described the people attending the party as "the most sleaziest bunch of characters I've ever run into." As [redacted] could remember, in addition to himself and [redacted] eleven males and four females were at the party. The home was dirty, unkempt, no rugs on the floor, and generally felt by [redacted] to be "a low-class" dwelling. There was no speeches or meeting held but the affair was apparently an "open house" type affair as [redacted] had apparently recently moved into the residence. It was rumored that [redacted] was occupying the residence with one of the girls in a common-law relationship.

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Those in attendance or arriving while [redacted] and [redacted] were present, as best recalled by [redacted], are as follows:

[redacted] - [redacted] knows this individual as a former University of Louisville student and a person who in the past has picketed John Birch Society events in Louisville. [redacted] reportedly is no longer living in Louisville and he arrived shortly before [redacted] and [redacted] left and upon his arrival, he, together with [redacted] and her husband, went to the back portion of the house and did not associate with the group in the living-room where [redacted] and [redacted] remained while present.

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A white male, first name [redacted], although the LAST name was not known to [redacted], described as in his early 20s, tall, sandy-headed, with a prominent adams apple.

[redacted] a white male, about 22 to 25, black-haired, black mustache, wearing glasses.

[redacted] husband [redacted], first name unknown to [redacted]

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A white male, rather large, black hair receding on forehead, about 45, who drives a checkered cab. (possibly [redacted])

A white male, name unknown, who appeared to be in his middle 20s, who claimed to be a teacher at Valley High School, teaching "co-related subjects."

A white male whose name sounded like [redacted], dressed in a business suit, approximately 45 to 50 years of age, 6' to 6'2" tall, greying hair, slim build.

A white male "a beatnik", possibly 30 to 40 years of age, a large husky man at least 6' tall, light, long, unkempt hair, a light, curled beard.

Three male Negroes: one referred to as [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] one as [redacted] and a third, no name recalled.

The women present as best recalled by [redacted] who emphasized his memory is a bit unclear because of his nervousness in being present at such an affair, were as follows:

[redacted] a young white girl, about 20, blonde hair, fair complexioned, medium build.

A small white woman who said she was the wife of the teacher at Valley High, referred to heretofore.

Two other small white girls who appeared to be in their early 20s.

As noted heretofore, the above affair was no meeting or similar type gathering. There was beer present for those who wished, but no one while [redacted] and [redacted] were present got intoxicated, although [redacted] drank "pretty free." Nothing out-of-the-way with respect to sex activities was observed while [redacted] was present. b7C

During the evening [redacted] heard [redacted] make the following statements:

MARTIN LUTHER KING is politically naive.

The militant wing of the Civil Rights Movement is SNCC.

The high archy of SNCC is socialist.

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[redacted] is not a communist but a socialist.

In 2 years [redacted] may be going to the London School of Economics and "when I get out I'll probably be a real Marxist."

Extreme vicious anti-sentiments about former [redacted].

Vicious anti-sentiments against [redacted]  
Kentucky. [redacted].

Vicious attacks against the John Birch Society ([redacted] said such remarks made him proud to be a member of this Society). b7C

"As we know America now, it can never be socialized without a reformation of the laws. America can never be taken by the socialist without the Negro revolt."

[redacted] gave [redacted] and [redacted] a pamphlet regarding an organization called "Freedom Democratic Organization" which indicated the organization was against the United States participating in the war in Vietnam.

[redacted] also said that he was scheduled to speak at some type meeting at the University of Louisville on Wednesday evening, April 14, 1965, and he invited [redacted] to attend.

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[redacted] advised that he felt the above group was Communistic and referred to the fact that [redacted] "who has been proved a Communist in court", knew of the above gathering and apparently had some association with the individuals present.

Regarding himself, [redacted] volunteered that he is a Baptist minister, having graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in January, 1963, is 33 years of age, and is gravely concerned about the future of America. He referred to MARTIN LUTHER KING "as that gangster and his ilk." He indicated that he is not currently pastoring any church and is not referred to as "Reverend" commenting "those crooks won't let me preach." He indicated that his career at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was rather stormy and he had made it known while there that he felt much of the faculty was socialistic. He mentioned that he had had some difficulty with the [redacted]

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[redacted] also referred to Director HOOVER of the FBI and Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Alabama as the outstanding patriots in America today. He termed Governor WALLACE "a great American." He mentioned that

It was his personal opinion that President LYNDON JOHNSON wants to remove Mr. HOOVER as FBI Director, but is fearful of doing so because of the resulting outcry by the American people. [redacted] said that should Director HOOVER ever be removed he has great fear that the Communists will penetrate the FBI and that LYNDON JOHNSON might appoint to head the FBI "some guy such as KATZENBACH."

[redacted] requested advice as to whether or not he should pursue his entree into the heretofore described group to ascertain more information as to the activities of its members. He was clearly told that this is a matter in which the writer could give him no advice whatsoever, that any action he might take in this respect or lack thereof, he could not in any manner attribute to advice or information obtained from the FBI. The functions of the FBI as solely that of an investigative agency, not deciding or granting clearances to any organization or individuals, except in connection with employing its own personnel, was explained to [redacted]. [redacted] asked that in the event he might become publicly embarrassed because of his having attended the above gathering and might tell the news sources that he had furnished information concerning the gathering to the FBI, would the FBI confirm that statement. He was told that the writer would be unable to theorize on what comment the FBI might have if queried by news sources as to some statement [redacted] might make.

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He asked if it was possible that the FBI might deny to news sources that [redacted] had informed the FBI of the above group. He was told the FBI has never and would never make a misstatement to a news source or anyone, but the writer could not state the FBI would confirm a statement [redacted] might make to a news source; that if it was queried about such a statement and the statement was true, the FBI would not deny the statement but security measures might require strictly a "no comment" reply to news sources by the FBI.

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[redacted] stated he understood the FBI's position and that [redacted] had indicated to [redacted] he had already acted foolishly in becoming associated with the above group and he, [redacted] would probably have nothing further to do with the group.

The interview with [redacted] was entirely cordial and on a voluntary vein. [redacted] expressed an extreme intent feeling as to the security of America and fearful that the Communists would destroy our country and indicated he intended to do all within his power to see this does not happen.

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# Barry's Loss Brings Birch Society Boom

Membership, income of far-right group double as embittered conservatives join

By ROBERT E. DALLOS, © The Wall Street Journal

MEDIA, PA.—"Now will you join the John Birch Society?" With this recruiting slogan, the best-known of American far-right groups has been making surprising hay out of an event that might have been expected to demoralize it: Barry Goldwater's smashing defeat last November. The society adopted the slogan the day after the election.

Its reasoning: Conservatives who had counted on Sen. Goldwater to save the United States from communism might now be disgusted enough with orthodox politics to enter a group that believes the U. S. already is 70 per cent Communist-dominated, that fears a total Red takeover by 1975, and that resorts to what its foes consider extremist tactics to reverse the trend.

Almost immediately, this appeal pulled in Robert Bartholomew, 39-year-old owner of a small factory here in Media. "Barry Goldwater gave us a voice for a while, but with his defeat that's gone," says Mr. Bartholomew. "To help stop the spread of communism in the U.S., the only course left open to me was to join the John Birch Society."

And the appeal has since won enough other recruits to put new steam into the society's efforts to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren, to pull the U. S. out of the United Nations—and, according to opponents, into attempts to infiltrate local police departments and Parent Teacher Associations and swing them around to right-wing goals.

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### 'Recruitment Explosion'

Though society membership figures are secret, Robert D. Love, a member of the 25-man Birch advisory council, has told audiences the group now numbers about 100,000. Birchers say that's double its strength a year ago. They add that the real "recruitment explosion" has come since the election.

Robert Welch, the society's white-haired founder and leader, says that at the February recruiting pace the society will add more members in 1965 than it had in total at the beginning of 1964. The society's eventual goal is a million members.

*People who denounce just about everything else the society has ever said see no reason to quarrel with these claims. "People who were disappointed in the Goldwater defeat were ripe material," says Alan F. Westin, Columbia University professor of law and government. "All the Birch Society had to do was to go out and sign them up."*

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith credits the society with about 75,000 members. Like other Birch critics, it isn't disposed to underrate this total; the League compares it to the strength of the American Communist Party at its 1944 peak. According to the FBI the Reds then had 80,000 members, with 10 sympathizers for each card-carrier.

"The John Birch Society is the kind of dedicated extremist group on the right that the Communist Party once was one the left," says Arnold Forster, a League official.

### ***Welch's Report***

Welch—who works 18 hours a day, takes no salary, often sleeps in his Belmont, Mass., office though he lives 10 minutes away, and greets interviewers in bedroom slippers—draws the same comparison. He figures that, like the Communists, each Bircher influences 10 non-member sympathizers.

The society also has more money to spend these days on such activities as printing "Impeach Earl Warren" bill-

boards and publishing a John Birch map of the world. On this, nations are colored varying shades of red or pink to denote the degree of Communist control. Iceland and Algeria on this map are almost as red as the Soviet Union; U. S. is a medium pink, and even such lands as Spain and South Africa are light pink. The only area colored white, to signify complete freedom from communism, is Western Samoa in the Pacific.

✓ Welch says Birch revenues doubled, to \$3.2 million, in 1964, and figures they will double again in 1965. Revenues come about a third from monthly dues of \$2 for male members and \$1 for women; a third from sale of publications through 295 "American Opinion" bookstores, some of which are mobile units; and a third from contributions and paid speaking engagements of officials.

Birch foes are discomfited because they discern a trend in society as a whole to regard Birchers as politically respectable, if a bit peculiar.

### ***Some Negro Members***

Many blame Sen. Goldwater for refusing to disavow the society's support (though Mr. Goldwater has denounced Mr. Welch personally). "Goldwater's refusal to repudiate the John Birch Society gave the society a kind of respectability and acceptability," says an Anti-Defamation League official.

The society itself appears to have brightened its reputation somewhat by various actions. It recently awarded, to a Negro girl studying nursing, the first of what it says will be a series of scholarships for Negro college students.

Birchers opposed last year's civil rights act as a Federal infringement

on individual liberty, but a high official says the society believes that "equality for Negroes is morally right and proper." The society has a few Negro members—including Delora Brooks, a 35-year-old medical technologist in New Rochelle, N. Y., who says Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., has "sold the Negroes down the river."

### ***In 50 States***

Welch forbids Birchers to join the Minutemen, a group of armed rightists who train for guerrilla warfare. If any Minutemen are found in Birch ranks they are expelled, he says.

Also expelled, he adds, are anti-Semites who sometimes try to infiltrate the society. Birchers welcome Jewish as well as Negro members, and a 22-year-old former rabbinical student who has joined the society in New York City says he has never met an anti-Semitic Bircher.

For whatever reason, suspicion of the society does seem to be waning. A young Pennsylvania businessman, who held off from joining for two years although his wife was a member, has recently joined because "it's respectable now."

None of this, however, means the society has modified its explosively controversial views. Welch, in an interview, specifically repeats his celebrated and much-denounced contentions that former President Eisenhower is "a dedicated and conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy," and that the "U. N. was created by Communists, the U. N. has constantly furthered the objectives of communism."

Some idea of how the society works to combat those it considers Reds or "Comsymps" (Communist sympathizers)

can be gained from attending a chapter meeting. The society is organized into chapters of 20 members each; when a chapter grows beyond that point the additional members are organized into a new unit. The society says it now has chapters or at least members attached to the Belmont home chapter, in all 50 states.

Its greatest strength since its founding has been in California, where it claims more than 800 chapters, and in Texas, but it says strength is growing now in Eastern states.

The Villanova, Pa., chapter, in Philadelphia's affluent Main Line suburbs, is fairly typical. It's headed by James Umstadd, 35, an architect. Members attending a recent meeting included a doctor, a dentist, an insurance salesman, a stock broker and the operator of a parachute-jumping school; all were well-dressed and most showed signs of having been college-educated.

*In general, Birch Society members tend to belong to the better-off segments of their communities, and they have more power to influence community decisions than their numbers might indicate.*

The Villanova chapter meeting started precisely at eight, with members assembling in the den of Mr. Umstadd's home. This is a room with wall-to-wall carpeting, a large fireplace, a big picture window overlooking a well-kept garden, and expensive art on the walls. The meeting began with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to a small American flag on a table in one corner.

Members next filed up to Mr. Umstadd, seated at a table, to pay their monthly dues, and to turn in sealed "member's monthly memo" envelopes containing extra contributions and "sug-

gestions" addressed to Mr. Welch. Next Mr. Umstadd began calling on members to describe what they had done in the previous month to carry out "assignments." Mr. Welch gives all members in a monthly Birch bulletin.

"Has anyone sold any of the 'Impeach Earl Warren' packets this month?" Mr. Umstadd asked. A few members raised their hands, and Mr. Umstadd checked their names on an assignment roster to be sent to the society's Belmont headquarters. "Who contributed to the recruitment drive this month?" he asked next. All hands went up.

Then Mr. Umstadd opened a discussion of assignments for the next month. These were mostly propagandizing missions. Members were urged, among other things, to continue trying to convince others that Justice Warren should be impeached, and to "persuade your friends to buy and read our civil rights packet." This is material designed "to show the Communist planning behind, and the Communist influences in, the whole civil rights movement."

Mr. Umstadd then opened a general discussion, with members voicing views on everything from what Communist influences there might have been in recent TV programs to books Birchers might be interested in. The two-hour meeting concluded with Mrs. Umstadd serving coffee and cake.

How members carry out assignments can be seen in a number of recent developments. Michigan Birchers last fall chartered a helicopter to pull a "Help Get the U. S. Out of the UN" banner over the Michigan-Minnesota football game, while spectators were watching a halftime United Nations Day band program. At shopping centers around the country, Birchers have been putting up portable Impeach Earl Warren billboards.

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*In a nationwide campaign, not long ago, Birchers visited stores that sold goods made in Communist countries. They dropped into merchandise tray cards with such messages as: "Ham from Poland inspected for your tables by the Communists." In Fort Wayne, Ind., one store burned all its Communist-produced goods in the middle of Main Street, and S. S. Kresge Co., among other chains, dropped all products made behind the Iron Curtain.*

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### **Welch Fumed**

Letter-writing campaigns also bulk large in Birch activities; several were discussed at the recent Villanova chapter meeting. An example is one now in progress against Xerox Corp. Xerox drew the society's ire by sponsoring, for \$4 million, a series of five TV programs dramatizing some lesser-known activities of the United Nations, such as those of the UN Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). Like all other UN activities, this is detested by Birchers; at Christmas, Birchers send their friends cards pleading: "Please don't send me a UNICEF Christmas Card."

Shortly before the first Xerox program the society bulletin that Xerox was spreading "unblushing falsehoods" and was "apparently being rewarded with Government contracts and foreign-aid business for doing so.... When Lenin said the American businessman would sell you the rope with which you were going to hang him, if he could make a profit on the deal, he could have been looking down the years at Xerox."

He called on Birchers to "flood" Xerox President Joseph C. Wilson and all Xerox directors with letters asking the firm to drop the TV series.

and still is getting 2,000 antagonistic letters a day. However, this campaign hasn't worked; Xerox has aired two of the TV programs and says it will continue with the other three.

To non-Birchers, some of these activists might seem rather peripheral in the context of the world contest between Communists and their foes, and others might seem legitimate attempts to propagandize for opinions, whatever might be said of the opinions themselves. But society foes charge these activities are only part of the total Birch program, and worry about other programs they consider undercover and sinister.

Recently Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead, president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, named the John Birch Society as being among "extremist" groups that she charged are trying to infiltrate local P-TAs, take them over and make them work to "emasculate both the curriculum and teaching methods" in local schools, "to bar (classroom) discussion of controversial ideas, and to ban certain books."

#### Says P-TAs Heckled

Mrs. Moorhead charged that in some states "extremists" try to break up P-TA meeting by foot-stomping and coughing, seeking to drive away regular members so that they can take over the meetings. She also tells of P-TA members having garbage dumped on their lawns or their phones rung in the middle of the night by callers who say nothing. She says some P-TA council presidents even have received anonymous phone calls threatening their children.

The John Birch Society denies advocating any such tactics. But it makes no secret of its campaign to influence P-TAs.

The society urges members to "join your local P-TA . . . and go to work to take it over." A high official adds the society is "out to destroy the liberal leftist element in the P-TAs" and calls this "good, responsible citizenship." Birchers accuse P-TA "leftists" of defending "Communist sympathizing" textbooks and promoting causes ranging from Federal aid to education to water fluoridation.

Birch foes also fear a society attempt to infiltrate police forces. In Santa Ana, Calif., about a dozen Birch members were dropped from the police force for allegedly making "defamatory, secretive" attacks against the police chief and fellow officers by circulating an anonymous pamphlet.

About 20 Philadelphia policemen have been disclosed to be Birch members, and Mayor James H. J. Tate says they have organized Birch "cells" in their homes. He adds: "This is the way the Nazi Party began, and this is the way the Communist Party operated in the '40s.

The society again denies shady tactics; it says the activities of the Santa Ana policemen were "coincidental" to their Birch membership. But, as with the P-TAs, Birch interest in the police is anything but secret. Birchers across the U. S. are handing out "Support Your Local Police" bumper stickers, and the society contends that forces wanting to "centralize power in the Federal Government for a Communist takeover . . . are trying to undermine authority of local police forces."

John H. Rousselot, a former California Republican Congressman and now the Birch Society's public relations director, says Birchers are members of all major city police forces. Membership of police in the Birch Society "is a private matter" and does not interfere with performance of police duties, he concedes.



Staff Photo by Thomas V. Miller Jr.

With the John Birch Society staging an intensive membership drive, Reed Benson, one of its few official spokesmen, spoke to a crowd estimated at 350 at Gottschalk Junior High School here Thursday night. He said the United States has "given

in" to the Communists "an inch at a time around the world." Benson, a former Mormon missionary, is son of former Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson. He was Birch coordinator for Utah-Southern Idaho before becoming a national spokesman.

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Assails The Birch Society

The news story on the John Birch Society by Robert Dallas of The Wall Street Journal (Courier-Journal, April 11) poses one of those infuriating riddles: Why should U.S. citizens enjoying great economic and social privilege seek to establish in this country a political organization so painfully reminiscent of German Nazism? Is there some monstrous trait peculiar to the human organism that impels it to seek destruction of the species?

The paranoid symptoms of the Birch-Nazi model are classical: delusions of persecution and grandeur coupled with a preference for Thanatos over Eros. The organizational structure and operational methods and practices of Birchism are almost identical with those of pre-war Hitlerism. Even the jargon is the same: In the lexicon of the Birch Society "Communist" means, as it did in Germany, not "Marxist," "Leninist," or "doctrinaire Socialist," but "heretic, devil, fiend, blasphemer, witch."

What causes successful lawyers, doctors and businessmen possessing historically unparalleled political freedom and social and economic advantages to take as their model for political action the most vicious, repressive, and thoroughly discredited national organization the world has ever known? This is truly one for the specialists in abnormal psychology.

C. J. PERRY  
1931 Bonnycastle Ave., Louisville

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On 4/14/65 [redacted]  
Louisville, Kentucky, was contacted at his residence. He  
advised as follows:

Pursuant to the request made of him by [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] Louisville,  
Kentucky, a student at the University of Louisville,  
[redacted] attended a party on the evening of 4/9/65 at the home  
of [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky.  
[redacted] does not have a car, and at [redacted] request, [redacted]  
drove [redacted] to the party. They arrived about 9:30 p.m. and  
stayed until about 12:15 a.m. 4/10/65. The affair was simply  
a party and no speeches or meeting was held. During the  
time [redacted] was present approximately 20 individuals in all were  
there at one time or another. The following were present  
in addition to himself and [redacted].

Two white males who seemed to be together,  
one considerably older than the rest  
present and being bald headed. These  
individuals left almost immediately after  
[redacted] arrived, and [redacted] is unable to  
better describe them. (It is possible  
these individuals were [redacted]  
and [redacted])

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members of the John Birch Society, who on 4/12/65 and 4/14/65, respectively, contacted this office, advising they attended the 4/9/65 party under assumed names. Data furnished by them has been recorded separately.)

An [redacted] a friend of [redacted] who lives in Leopold Hall at the University of Louisville and attends the University.

A Chinese, name not recalled, who was with [redacted] and who is an engineer, being a recent graduate of Speed Scientific School, Louisville, Kentucky and employed by some new catalyst firm in Louisville.

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[redacted] and the girl who apparently lives with [redacted] at [redacted].

[redacted] a former U of L student, now said to be working for IUE in Washington, D.C., and being in Louisville at this time in connection with a District 7 IUE meeting. [redacted] left the party about 15 minutes after [redacted]

A male Negro who had with him a young white girl. The young white girl seemed to be very romantically interested in her companion. The male Negro was very nicely dressed and

and appeared to be age between 20 and 30, heavy set, very dark complexion. The girl was real small, about 5', appeared to be in her early 20's, nicely proportioned, wearing flesh colored glasses.

A Negro male and a Negro female who appeared to be together and who are U of L students and who apparently associate with the above Negro male and his white female companion.

A white male who appeared to be about 40 years of age who drives a Checker Cab and whom [redacted] described as "a real odd ball", rumored to be homosexual and to be "an intellectual", having three Master degrees, one in English Literature, another in some foreign language, and the other not stated.

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Three other Negro males whom [redacted] could not further describe except one was called [redacted] and apparently employed in the concrete finishing business in the West End area of Louisville.

The remainder present seemed to [redacted] to be young and he feels that all were U of L students. There seemed to be no purpose to the party other than a gettogether. There was free beer, apparently supplied by [redacted].

[redacted] is said to be currently the [redacted] of [redacted], but an election is scheduled for 4/14/63 and it is said that [redacted] will become the new local President. [redacted] residence phone number is [redacted]

[redacted] described the girl who apparently lives with [redacted] as being a white female, about 20 years of age, 5'6" in height, black hair, snow white complexion, pimply face, nicely proportioned. [redacted] believes that this girl has been associating with this group for some time as [redacted] told [redacted] he, [redacted] "used to take this girl to bed" but now [redacted] is doing so. There was some dispute between [redacted] and [redacted] which [redacted] overheard, as [redacted] was scolding [redacted] for not having bought some "pills" for this girl with the \$5 [redacted] had given [redacted] several days earlier. There was mention that these "pills" are purchased from a druggist on Dixie Highway.

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[redacted] appeared to be bordering on becoming an alcoholic and lately has been sort of hanging around [redacted], having once been an alcoholic and now cured and engaged in assisting alcoholics to overcome their problems.

[redacted] wife is named [redacted] and they have three small children who live with [redacted], it being necessary for [redacted] to obtain the services of a babysitter before going to the 4/9/65 party. [redacted] wife is a professional stripper believed to use the name [redacted] and according to [redacted], is performing this week in Cairo, Illinois. [redacted] lives on money sent him by his wife.

[redacted] is a white male, about 35 to 40 years of age, and attends the U of L on some type of veterans' rehabilitation grant. The [redacted] do not have a telephone.

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[redacted] has been contacting [redacted] for about the last 4 weeks. Their acquaintanceship and association resulted from them meeting at a party on a Saturday night given by a U of L student, [redacted]. [redacted] has an apartment on Cherokee Road and [redacted] father is a [redacted] in Louisville. [redacted] is a junior at the University of Louisville, and in [redacted] opinion, a fine individual and not involved with [redacted] and his group. Some students at

U of L assemble at [redacted] apartment merely to "get together" and sing and play a few songs. At one of these affairs on a Saturday night about 4 weeks ago, [redacted] and [redacted] showed up. During the evening, [redacted] and [redacted] were talking about the Freedom Democratic Organization and had some literature in their possession concerning it. The next Saturday [redacted] again was at [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] again showed up.

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[redacted] is a [redacted] at the University of Louisville and recently was [redacted] or the University of Louisville. Its sponsor at the University is a [redacted] Professor. This club is a University-approved affair, has written a constitution, and submitted it to the University. The purpose of the club was to have a unit whereby discussions of social problems could be held. It was not originated to be an action group but merely a discussion group. Shortly after its inception, [redacted] joined and began agitating for the group to become an action group rather than a discussion group.

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The Social Science Club is to hold a meeting in the family room at the College Center of the U of L on the night of 4/14/65 and [redacted] is supposed to be present to speak on the Freedom Democratic Organization and its purpose. This arose because of a dispute that originated from the fact that a [redacted], a U of L student and reportedly connected with the Freedom Democratic Organization, several weeks ago contributed \$25 to the Social Science Club to help pay for a luncheon the group had sponsored for some out-of-town students who were in Louisville in connection with a voter registration drive in the Southwick area of Louisville. Because of this donation [redacted] wanted the Social Science Club to write a letter to [redacted] endorsing the Freedom Democratic Organization. This the Social Science Club declined to do but offered [redacted] the opportunity to appear before the club and explain the Freedom Democratic Organization. [redacted] has never met [redacted].

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from [redacted] and who is [redacted] a junior at the U of I who comes  
Club [redacted] a good friend of [redacted], says that [redacted]  
"claimed to be a card-carrying Communist." [redacted] thinks that  
[redacted] is using this term loosely and [redacted] has never said  
such to [redacted]

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Presents

**JULIA BROWN**

FBI Undercover Operative

LYON HALL

Saturday May 8, 1965

8:00 P.M. ~ ~ \$1.00

April 28, 1965 - Salem, Ind.

District Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
543 South Third St.  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a ticket to a talk to be sponsored by the John Birch Society in Salem on May 8. As you can see, it identifies the speaker, Julia Brown as an "FBI undercover operative." What is an FBI undercover operative and why is the FBI providing speakers for the John Birch Society?

Surely the FBI, which I have always thought was a very unique, highly particular organization, does not have among its agents members of the controversial John Birch Society, or even its proponents.

I send this ticket for only one reason. I have serious doubts that "JULIA BROWN" is in any way connected with the FBI. I believe if "she" is, she is grossly misusing her connections with that honorable organization by linking its name with the John Birch Society. Several persons here are concerned because they have the mistaken (I hope) impression that she is a spokesman for the John Birch Society with the full sanction of the FBI.

As a radio news reporter, please rush me the true facts so that we might clarify this matter for all. I am taking the liberty of mailing a copy of this letter to the FBI office in Indianapolis and to J. Edgar Hoover.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]  
Salem, Indiana

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: LOUISVILLE /157-63/

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY MEETING MAY EIGHT NEXT, SALEM,  
INDIANA.RE LETTER TO THIS OFFICE WITH COPIES TO BUREAU AND  
INDIANAPOLIS DATED APRIL TWENTY EIGHT LAST FROM [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted], SALEM, INDIANA.

IN THE LETTER SCHOCKE IDENTIFIES SELF AS QUOTE A  
RADIO NEWS REPORTER UNQUOTE AND DEPLORES THE FACT AN  
ADMITTANCE TICKET TO CAPTIONED MEETING IDENTIFIES THE  
SPEAKER, QUOTE [redacted] UNQUOTE, AS QUOTE 'FBI  
UNDERCOVER OPERATIVE UNQUOTE. [redacted] FEELS THE TICKET  
implies [redacted] AND ASKEDb7C  
b7DWHY FBI IS PROVIDING SPEAKERS FOR JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.  
HE REQUESTS HE BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF TRUE FACTS SO  
AS A NEWS REPORTER HE MAY QUOTE CLARIFY THIS MATTER FOR  
ALL UNQUOTE.

LOUISVILLE INDICES NEGATIVE ON [redacted] AND ONLY

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GUARDIANS, INCORPORATED. AS LOUISVILLE DOES NOT HAVE  
SUFFICIENT DATA TO HANDLE THIS REQUEST, BUREAU <sup>REQUESTED</sup> IMMEDIATELY  
TO RESPOND TO SCHOCKE, OR INSTRUCT LS OR IP.

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI WASH DC

427PM URGENT 5-3-65 BMS

TO INDIANAPOLIS LOUISVILLE

FROM DIRECTOR 62-104401 1P

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY MEETING, MAY EIGHT NEXT, SALEM,  
INDIANA, INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY).

RE INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE TELETYPE APRIL THIRTY

LAST.

SAC INDIANAPOLIS IMMEDIATELY ACKNOWLEDGE [REDACTED] LETTER  
OVER SAC'S SIGNATURE. ADVISE HIM BUREAU NOT SUPPLYING SPEAKERS  
FOR JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY; THAT [REDACTED] NEVER EMPLOYEE OF b7C  
BUREAU BUT DID FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMUNIST b7D  
ACTIVITIES, AND BUREAU HAS NO CONTROL OVER HER PRESENT ACTIVITIES  
AND STATEMENTS.

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IP...SAM

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## MEET D. E. STOVALL, TRUCKER

# Not All John Birchers Are Wealthy East-Enders

D. E. Stovall, who makes \$190 a week driving a truck, is the proud owner of a sports car, a home in the suburbs, and a membership card in the John Birch Society here.

Stovall, 36, of 6003 Rocky Mountain Drive, is a member of the "CFGQ Chapter." He doesn't know what the designation means, and he doesn't particularly care. He joined last fall, just about election time.

"I guess the biggest thing that disturbs me is treason itself," said Stovall, chatting about his membership over a cup of coffee here this week.

Stovall is one of a new wave of Louisvillians who came into the Birch Society just about the time the Goldwater bandwagon broke down.

Stovall is somewhat distinctive among Birch members here. Most local Birchers who get their names in the paper have east-end addresses, and better than average education.

### Has Read Marx And Lenin

He lives in the Okolona area and never finished high school, though he does have an equivalency certificate. A member of Teamsters Local 89, he makes his living strictly with his hands.

But he is convinced that conservatism—Birch conservatism—represents the

sound alternative to the Communist conspiracy that he fears.

Stovall drives the long hauls to Chicago, Columbus and the like. He has plenty of time to read. He has read Marx and Lenin, along with basic conservative documents like "None Dare Call it Treason."

"When I was very small—I was born and raised in Mississippi—my uncle was a farmer and small businessman and we used to sit in the house in front of the fireplace and talk about world affairs," Stovall recalled.

"He told me then he felt the real threat was communism.

"Soon as I got old enough to understand some of the terms of Marx, I read Marx and found out that the so-called peace and democracy has never been achieved.

"Then I read Lenin. He went much further than Marx and told how they were going to take the world. I was reading that and comparing it with what was happening, and it was happening like that," Stovall declared.

### Thinks Reds Lead Righters

The right-to-work issue gives him some difficulties. "Myself, personally, I like a strong union. But for a person who doesn't want to belong to a union to hold a job to be forced to do in a

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union shop—I think it's wrong. We believe in freedom of association."

On the other hand, Stovall is aware that the law requires a union to bargain for all employees on a given job or for none at all. And he is against "free riders."

Stovall is a Southerner, and like other Birchers, he feels the civil-rights leadership is Communist-inspired. He is not avid on the subject—he is proud of Louisville's good race relations.

But he feels "probably one of the best friends minorities have in this country are people like the John Birch Society." If there were a Communist takeover, he says, "probably the civil-rights leaders would be the first ones lined up against the fence and shot."

For a man who has had to eat cornbread three times a day to survive, Stovall now is enjoying unexampled personal prosperity. He relishes the good life, but he's not sure it can last. "You've got to think of this \$324 billion national debt we've got," he says, "these people that hold the claim to that \$324 billion have got to collect."

When it does come, there is bound to be a collapse, he feels. "Either that or the government's got to take everything over.

"I guess the end is pretty near then," he says.

5/4/65

AIR TEL

AIR MAIL

TO : Director, FBI (62-104401)  
FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (100-12376)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY MEETING  
MAY 8, 1965, SALEM, INDIANA  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReButel, 5/3/65.

For the information of the Bureau and Louisville.  
the Indianapolis Office on 5/3/65 wrote [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] Salem, Indiana, advising him as the Bureau  
directed in referenced Bureau teletype.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-667)

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY; b7C

[REDACTED]  
VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Louisville airtel to Director 5/20/65.

Enclosed are original and three copies of letterhead memorandum regarding captioned matter. Copies of the enclosed have been disseminated locally to the USA.

It may be noted that during the interview, the victim spoke very highly of the Director and the Bureau and remarked that if the Director ever decided to run for the Presidency of the United States he, [REDACTED] is sure he knows at least five million people who would be extremely glad of the Director's running.

b7C During the interview the victim remarked that he is a member of the John Birch Society.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-63) DATE: 7/20/65

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On July 8, 1965 captioned individual telephonically advised that she is active in the League of Women Voters in Louisville, Kentucky, and is also a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Mayor of Louisville regarding urban renewal. She stated that she had received unsolicited, through the United States mail, in an envelope bearing no return address, postmarked June 20, 1965 at Louisville, Kentucky, some literature which she thought might be of a possible subversive nature. She stated she would mail the literature to this office.

On July 14, 1965 the literature referred to by [redacted] was received and it is noted that it consisted of a copy of the April, 1963 issue of Human Events, as well as a mimeographed letter dated May, 1965 addressed to "Dear Compatriots" from [redacted] Fort Collins, Colorado, together with a copy of "Reprints of Remarks in the Congressional Record" of April 13, 1965 by the Honorable JACK EDWARDS of Alabama, of the House of Representatives, in which EDWARDS had printed Congressional record remarks by [redacted] on March 31, 1965. [redacted] letter and his remarks expressed his opposition to the United Nations.

The April, 1963 issue of Human Events is replete with articles indicating opposition to urban renewal.

The literature does not reflect subversive activity and both Human Events and [redacted] are well known to the Bureau. Accordingly, the literature has been destroyed and this is being submitted as a matter of record.

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At 10:30 a.m., on July 17, 1965, [redacted] telephonically contacted this office and furnished the following information:

[redacted] will arrive in Louisville from Knoxville on July 23, 1965 (Tuesday). He will be [redacted] Louisville on July 23, 1965, together with [redacted] his two children, and a [redacted]. [redacted] is in charge of EPAC (SCEP) and they will go to Rhode Island for three weeks. They will drive [redacted] blue Ford. They will take a red Rambler which was given to SCEP by someone in New Mexico, but which [redacted] have been using, to Knoxville and leave it there for representatives of EPAC to use the remainder of the summer.

A man whom [redacted] believes was named [redacted] [redacted] and who is allegedly in the construction business and an organizer for the John Birch Society in Louisville, visited the [redacted] about 7:00 p.m., on July 16, 1965. He invited the [redacted] to come to the next meeting of the John Birch Society. [redacted] did not know when this would be but stated he would find out. He stated he will call this office on Monday, July 19, 1965, to talk with SA [redacted] or SA [redacted] concerning some financial arrangements.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-63) DATE: 7/30/65

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT.

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[redacted] - INFORMANT  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING b7D

On 7/23/65 captioned individual telephonically advised that he resides at [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky, and is thirty years of age. He said a friend of his, whom he declined to identify but who is a member of the same church (did not name church), has told him that he, the friend, attended a meeting of a group in Louisville, which group is trying to try to start chapters throughout the country. During the meeting, the statement was made that the United States will soon be involved in a full-scale war with Red China over Vietnam, that Russia will join with the United States, and that finally Red China will lose the war and the Red leaders will commit suicide.

The friend also said that if a chapter of the organization can be established, a tape recording of the meetings will be sent to headquarters, location unknown.

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[redacted] stated he is a patriotic Christian individual and, while he does not believe there is anything subversive regarding this, he thought this office ought to know of the above.

He advised that he would obtain the name of the organization from his friend, and be in further contact with this office.

The above submitted as a matter of information.

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**Against 14B's Repeal**

A concerted effort is being made by labor-union leadership to secure the repeal of Section 14B of the Taft-Hartley Act which permits individual states to pass "right-to-work laws." The argument of the unions is that employees who are not members of a union share equally with the union members in benefits which the union secures by negotiation with the employer, and should not be permitted to be "free loaders."

But this situation was caused by the union leaders. They asked for and received laws obligating them to represent employees who are not members of the union. If they do not want this obligation, it will be a simple matter to change the law to provide that in collective bargaining a union represents only its own members.

A good union does not need compulsory membership, a poorly run union does not deserve it. The Supreme Court has recently held that known Communists cannot be prohibited from holding union leadership. If union membership is compulsory, a union member can no longer show disapproval of Communist domination by simply resigning from the union.

Unions have continued to grow in "right-to-work" states, and the statement that right-to-work laws destroy unions is a falsehood. Unemployment rates are lower in "right-to-work" states compared with compulsory union membership states.

The rate of increase of personal incomes of "right-to-work" states is larger than in compulsory union membership states.

But the overriding consideration is that a man should not be compelled to join an organization against his will in order to earn his living. To do so will further diminish our rapidly vanishing individual freedom.

RICHARD C. OLDHAM  
312 S. Fifth St., Louisville

**8****Courier-Journal****Louisville, Ky.**

Date: 7-31-65

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-63)

DATE: 9/23/65

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

This will record that [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone [redacted] a dentist, telephonically  
advised as follows:

Captioned society had a booth at the Kentucky State Fair where they were busily engaged in passing out literature. On the evening of 9/17/65, a dentist, [redacted] with offices in [redacted], telephone [redacted], following attendance at a Reserve Officers' Meeting of the U. S. Army, was actively participating in the affairs of the John Birch Group in full uniform. [redacted] inquired if this was against the law or if the John Birch Society was on the AG's list, and volunteered that he was attempting to report [redacted] "unpatriotic" action to his superior officer.

[redacted] was told that this office could not reveal contents of its files to a person such as himself, and that he should not infer from this that the Bureau is or is not interested in the John Birch Society.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

October 27, 1965

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Louisville, Kentucky 40216

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 22nd, with enclosures, was received during Mr. Hoover's absence; however, you may be sure it will be brought to his attention upon his return. I know he would want me to thank you for your generous comments and expression of interest in his book, "Masters of Deceit."

Concerning Mr. Hoover's attendance at the convention being held by the Society of Former Special Agents October 28th through October 30th, I know that he will be unable to attend due to the pressure of official business coupled with the numerous matters which arise daily demanding his immediate attention.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-63-133)

DATE: 11-13-65

FROM : SPD [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]  
Possible PCI

The above individual contacted this office and advised that he would like to serve the FBI in an informant capacity. He advised that he has a BA degree from the University of Kentucky and is presently a junior at the University of Louisville Dental School.

b7C [redacted] advised that he was extremely concerned about the recent activities that are takeing place on the University of Louisville campus, especially the Students for Democratic Society. [redacted] stated that he also worked in a local precient during the past election and that he was invited to attent a meeting of the Louisville Commission on Equal Rights by a man he met during the election. The subject stated that they had a rather interesting conversation with this man about Martin Luthur King, and Communist Activities in Louisville.

[redacted] was advised that the writer had no knowledge of requirements for informants and that he should contact the office for an appointment during regular office hours.

This memo is submitted for your information.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-63)

DATE: 11/18/65

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Re memo SPC [redacted] 11/13/65, entitled,  
[redacted] - Possible PCI."

[redacted] was personally contacted on 11/15/65 by SA [redacted]. He furnished the following information concerning himself:

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He currently resides in a apartment at 1345 S. 3rd Street, Louisville, Ky., telephone [redacted]. He was born 5/4/41 in Frankfort, Kentucky. and his permanent residence address is with his parents [redacted] and [redacted] 816 Shelby Street, Frankfort, Ky. He received a Bachelor Degree from the U of K three years ago and is currently attending the U of L Medical School studying dentistry, being in his third year. He will complete his studies at the university in two more years. He is a member of the Young Democrats Club at Frankfort, Ky., and the John Birch Society of St. Matthews, Ky.

He is very concerned with the threat of Communism to the security of the U.S. and wanted to let the FBI know that at any time he could perform any service for the FBI in connection with the threat of Communism, he would be most happy to do so, including the joining of any Communist club for the purpose of obtaining information for the FBI. He currently possesses no information as to any Communist activity in Louisville or elsewhere, but did mention [redacted] b7C

[redacted] of Louisville as being a Communist. He mentioned that during the recent local election the U of L students were dismissed on election day for the purpose of working at the various precincts in Louisville in connection with passing out literature urging the voters support the bond issues which were being considered by the voters along with

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the local Democrat and Republican candidates for various offices. He was assigned to the 19th precinct, 11th ward, in the west end of Louisville, and while he remained at the precinct during the day while voting was going on, he did not pass out any literature in support of the bond issues as he personally did not favor the passage of the bond issues. He said that although it has been publically stated by all candidates that the passage of the bond issued would not result in the increase of any taxes, he knows that in some manner the citizens would have to pay for the bond issues, if passed, and he could not agree with the Federal Government's policy of spending so much money. He said that while at the 19th precinct he engaged an unknown Negro man in conversation relating to civil rights, during which the man indicated support of MARTIN LUTHER KING and he told the man that he considered KING a Communist and that it is well documented that KING has contributed in the past to over 60 Communist front groups. He said the man disagreed with him, replying he, [redacted], was applying the doctrine of guilt by association, the man remarking that he had himself attended some Communist meetings in Louisville in the past, but that he did not consider this made him a Communist. [redacted] did not obtain the name of this man and could furnish no identifying information about him other than that the man remarked that he works with the Louisville Commission on Equal Rights.

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[redacted] was thanked for his offer to be of assistance to this office and was told that in the event he ever received any information indicating possible subversive activity, this office would be happy to have him advise it of such. He was also told that in the event an occasion ever arose where this office might advantageously use his offer of assistance, he would be contacted.

It is not felt that at this time [redacted] has the potential of a security informant in that he does not have any entree into any club which might be of interest in this field and also his rather strong firm views with respect to Communism might mitigate against his being able to successfully penetrate any subversive club.

SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-3346)

4/21/65

SA [redacted]

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4/16/65  
Reference is made to memorandum dated [redacted] reporting information furnished on 4/12/65 by [redacted] [redacted] as to his attendance at a party on Sunset Avenue on 4/9/65.

On 4/14/65 [redacted] Louisville, b7C Kentucky, telephone [redacted], personally appeared at the Louisville Office of the FBI in the company of [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had advised him of his, [redacted], having furnished information to the FBI regarding a group he met at a party on the evening of 4/9/65 on Sunset Avenue in Louisville and that [redacted] had accompanied [redacted] to the party and [redacted] wished to furnish the FBI the following information concerning the party:

[redacted] said he is in the United States Air Force, Airman 3rd Class, stationed at Fort Knox, [redacted] was born [redacted] at Louisville, Kentucky, and attends the University of Louisville, scheduled to graduate in 1966.

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In connection with his current attendance at the U of L, [redacted] has heard talk on the campus about a group referred to as the Students for Social Action. From rumors he has heard about the group, [redacted] felt that individuals connected with the group are students with "leftist" sympathies. [redacted] remarked that he himself, being a member of the John Birch Society, was quite interested in learning more about this group.

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On the evening of 4/9/65, [redacted] together with [redacted] felt it would be a good idea to learn more about the group by phoning and asking [redacted] of Louisville concerning it. thinking that if the group was in any way "Communistic" [redacted] would know of it. [redacted] phoned the [redacted] residence on the evening of 4/9/65 and talked with a girl who identified herself as [redacted]. When he inquired of her as to the Students for Social Action, she invited him to visit the [redacted] residence and discuss it with [redacted]. [redacted] accepted, and he and [redacted] did visit the residence of [redacted] on the evening of 4/9/65, [redacted] using the name of [redacted] and [redacted] using the name of [redacted].

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Upon arrival at the [redacted] residence, they met [redacted] and [redacted] and a white male said to be [redacted] husband. [redacted] indicated that a little party was being held that evening at the home of [redacted] on Sunset Avenue and if [redacted] and [redacted] were interested in attending, they could learn about Students for Social Action. [redacted] and [redacted] accepted the invitation and did attend the gathering at [redacted] home on that evening.

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[redacted] home is located in the [redacted] of Sunset Avenue, exact number not recalled by [redacted], but it is located on the north side of the street, a stone house with a large picture window in the front.

[redacted] and [redacted] arrived at the [redacted] home along about 9:00 p.m. and stayed until shortly after 11:00 p.m. Those present during this period, or a part thereof, some having arrived after [redacted] and [redacted] were the following:

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[redacted] (PH). possibly identical  
with [redacted]

A white male claiming to be a teacher at Valley High School;

A white male employed as a cab driver  
with the Checker Cab Company,  
Louisville;

A white male named [redacted] (LNU)  
(possibly identical with [redacted]  
[redacted];

A white male - "a beatnik";

Three Negro males referred to as  
[redacted] [redacted] and [redacted];

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Three white females, one being [redacted]  
[redacted] another being the girl  
reportedly living at that address  
with [redacted] and the other  
reportedly being the wife of the  
Valley High School teacher.

[redacted] said he knows [redacted] from [redacted] former  
attendance at the U. of L. and having seen [redacted] on  
several occasions in picket lines in Louisville, picketing  
events of the John Birch Society. According to what  
[redacted] told [redacted], [redacted] is now supposedly working for  
the IUE in Washington, D.C. However, [redacted],  
head of the John Birch Society in Louisville, has  
told [redacted] that [redacted] has read in a recent issue of the  
Southern Patriot, the publication of the Southern Conference  
Educational Fund, Inc., with which organization [redacted] and  
[redacted] are connected, that [redacted] is supposedly working  
in Cairo, Illinois.

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Regarding [redacted] (PH) [redacted] described him as  
appearing to be in his early 50's, about 6'1", tall,  
slender build, wears glasses, gray hair, receding. [redacted]  
looked a bit out of place in that he was dressed in a  
business suit and from the conversation [redacted] gathered that  
[redacted] in some way is involved in work with respect to  
alcoholics.

[redacted] described the reported Valley High School teacher as a white male, approximately 26 to 27 years of age, 5'11" tall, brown hair, dressed in blue jeans, sports shirt, and sneakers and supposedly teaching the 7th and 8th grades at Valley the subjects of math, English, Social Studies, and other related subjects.

The [redacted] was described by [redacted] as a white male who appeared to be in his middle 30's, heavy build, dark complexioned, black curly receding hair. (This individual might possibly be identical with [redacted])

[redacted] (LNU) is described as a white male in his early 20's, about 6'3" tall, 150 lbs., slim build, wears glasses, auburn hair cut short, and participated in the March, 1964, hunger sit-in in the House Gallery in Frankfort, Kentucky.

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The individual referred to by [redacted] as a "beatnik" he described as a white male, appearing to be in his middle 20's, a large husky individual, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, thick brown hair, a large pronounced beard, and a quiet, retiring, unassuming-type individual.

The three Negro males appeared to [redacted] to be in their early 30's, and to be the "foot soldier" type, not the leader type.

[redacted] was described by [redacted] as a white female, about 21 or 22 years of age, blond hair, fair complexion, and about 5'2" tall, weighing 115 lbs.

The girl supposedly the wife of the Valley High School Teacher [redacted] described as a white female, about 26 years of age, 5'2", 110 lbs., slender build, sandy hair, having a wrinkled forehead.

[redacted] recalls that this girl attended the University of Louisville about 2 years ago as he was in one class with her.

[redacted] The girl who is believed to be living with [redacted] [redacted] described as a white female, about 24, 5'2", approximately 115 to 120 pounds, medium build, dark brown hair, fair complexion, wears glasses for reading.

According to [redacted] said to [redacted], the individual referred to heretofore as a "beatnik" is the [redacted] of the Students for Social Action at the University of Louisville. [redacted] gathered from what [redacted] said that the Students for Social Action is just getting started on the U of L campus, and it is apparently an outgrowth of the Students for a Democratic Society, which at one time was active on the University of Louisville campus but has now become ineffective and inactive.

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[redacted] also spoke about an organization he called the Freedom for Democratic Organization and he indicated at one time [redacted] was apparently active in this but that he, [redacted], is now the individual pushing this organization. [redacted] had some kind of a flyer regarding the Freedom for Democratic Organization, indicating it was against the current U.S. policy in Vietnam, was promoting integration, was against poverty and slums, and promoted fair employment practices, etc.

[redacted] indicated he was at one time in the U.S. Air Force and assigned to the Air Police on a SAC base but he did not adjust to Air Force regulations and felt he was always being persecuted and picked on by superiors with the result that he received a discharge other than honorable from the Air Force. He indicated that he had some acquaintanceship with U.S. Senator JOHN SHERMAN COOPER of Kentucky who tried to help him with his Air Force difficulty but the exact relationship between [redacted] and [redacted] was not stated. [redacted] said that at the time he was in the Air Force, he was not a Socialist but that he is now a member of the Socialist Party and that his father has been a member of the Communist Party.

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[redacted] said that it appeared to him that [redacted] took a liking to [redacted] even to the extent that [redacted] remarked to [redacted] that when he, [redacted] leaves Louisville, [redacted] will take over the operation of the Freedom for Democratic Organization in [redacted] place. [redacted] is to give some type of speech in the family room of the Sub at the University of Louisville campus on Thursday, 4/14/65 in the evening, and asked [redacted] to attend. [redacted] indicated that he will attend.

[redacted] remarked that he intends to associate further with [redacted] and the groups [redacted] apparently associates with, for the purpose of determining identifying data regarding these individuals and "what they are up to." b7C

It was clearly stated to [redacted] that any action he might take in connection with association or becoming involved with the above group must strictly be on his own decision and volition and no request of any type was being made of him by the FBI. Further, should he associate with such people and later find this embarrassing to him, he could in no way infer that he had such association on behalf of or at the suggestion of the FBI. [redacted] stated he thoroughly understood this but that he intended to go ahead with his plans to become further involved in this group's activities and he would be in further contact with the FBI.

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**To the Editor:**

In last week's Cardinal front page story and in a Letter to the Editor by Young Republican Club Chairman Dan Dierking, it was claimed that Young Americans for Freedom was using YR's name in our announcements of meetings and our petitions for Gene Snyder for Congress. I explained to the members of the University of Louisville Young Republicans at their last meeting and to Dean Lawrence, a few days later our group was for young people who were Republicans and who were for Snyder.

I am also surprised at Dave Osterlund's opposition to the conservative candidate Gene Snyder. Last year at this time Dave was the head of the Goldwater campaign and even worked the summer before in Washington for Snyder. What is the matter with good old wishey-washey Dave Osterlund anyway?

I was also surprised to read that the CFC petition was receiving more support than the Snyder petition. Conservatively speaking, our petition is beating theirs 8 to 1.

Lastly, Dierking called Young Americans for Freedom a "fringe group." Republicans such as Larry Layne, Jefferson County Tax Commissioner, and Edwin Middletown, Kentucky National Republican Committeeman, are members of the State Advisory Board of YAF. "Fringe group?"

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**WE, THE PEOPLE!****To the Editor:**

The President may kid himself, but he cannot kid the majority of the American people into believing that the Communists will let up on their attacks and negotiate for a just peace because we have stopped bombing North Viet Nam.

The President may kid himself and even his own palace guard and "advisers," but the people of honest conviction and sound judgment know that we cannot win this war in Viet Nam without military victories. They agree with Douglas MacArthur, perhaps the greatest of American generals, who said "There is no substitute for victory."

The American people should know that our military leaders have been forced to fight this prolonged war under the restricting orders of top left-wing leaders in the State Department who have long appeased the Communists in China, in Korea, in Laos, in Cambodia, in Indonesia, and elsewhere, including Cuba.

It was they, these extreme left-wing appeasers in our State Department, who allowed the Korean War to end without a victory. Thus they sacrificed, without purpose, the lives of thousands of American boys. They are doing the same thing again right now in Viet Nam.

It was these extreme left-wing appeasers in our State Department who had General Douglas MacArthur removed from his command in Korea. They still ignore his advice. But the American people must remember General Douglas MacArthur's warnings that we never allow ourselves to be bogged down in a ground war in Asia, where we would be pitifully outnumbered. Our road to victory there is devastating air strikes against the enemy's power plants, ports, supply depots, munitions plants, etc. We have been ordered by the State Department not to do so. We could use our naval power and air power for a blockade of Viet Nam that would end the war quickly and save the lives of untold thousands of American boys. We are not permitted to do so by these left-wing appeasers.

If Red China attacked us, we could use our air power to demolish their nuclear plants and most of their munitions industry within 72 hours. Then we could use our 7th Fleet to help our allies, the Nationalist Chinese on Formosa, land their army of 500,000 men on the Chinese mainland. General Stratemeyer tells us that this Free Chinese Army would be welcomed and supported by the people of China, who have suffered much under Communist rule.

Instead, our left-wing appeasers in the State Department continue to use our 7th Fleet, as they have for many years, to keep this great Chinese army on Formosa from attacking Red China.

So our first step toward victory over Communism, to save our lives and freedom, is to purge the U. S. State Department of the friends of Alger Hiss and other Communist agents, who have done their work well there all these years—for the enemy. If the President is unwilling to order an investigation and purge of subversive forces in the State Department, then we do not need another "State of the Union" address but one on THE STATE OF OUR PRESIDENT.

American public opinion is turning against these appeasers. The Congressional elections this year can go overwhelmingly against the appeasers in Congress. The President is a good politician and knows which way the wind blows. It would be wise for him to act decisively now to end the game of the left-wing appeasers and thus save American lives and freedom.

Sincerely,

*Harry J. Everingham*

President

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I thought you might be interested in one of our weekly columns we are sending to Kentucky newspapers on law enforcement in America. As you can see by the enclosed brochure, one of our central concerns is to increase the public understanding of the Christian doctrine of respect for law and, especially, respect for law enforcement officers.

I am also taking the liberty of sending you another release entitled "God of Our Fathers."

May the blessings of Christ be with you in the execution of your duties.

Faithfully yours,

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THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS by Dr. N. Burnett Magruder  
"Blessed be the Lord God of our Fathers." (Ezra 7:27)

Most of us have grown up in a time when we take the "God of our Fathers" for granted. Our people have a tendency to forget the God Who, as Thomas Jefferson said, "gave us life and gave us liberty." Now we have come into a time when we can no longer take God for granted because powerful forces are working to separate America from its ancient faith.

The Pilgrim Fathers of our nation believed that America was born in a covenant relationship between God and the people. The government which the Fathers established was ordained to protect those God-given-rights which they had come to these shores to preserve and protect. This sentiment is beautifully expressed in the hymn, America: "Land where our Fathers died... Land of the Pilgrims' pride... From every mountain-side... Let freedom ring."

It is for this reason that we are witnessing a mighty assault on the foundation stone on which American history is built. This anti-God assault has taken two forms: (1) A force of militant atheism, and (2) The formation of a new god, which is nothing more than an idol.

The force of militant atheism is backed by the world power of the Communist conspiracy. The evil genius who developed this thought which underpins the tyranny of international Communism was Karl Marx, and much of the materialism of our day goes back to the poisonous spring of his mind.

Karl Marx believed and taught that a God-directed society must be destroyed in order to establish a social order ruled by the Communist Party. For this reason, he regarded religion as "the opiate of the people" and said that law, morality and religion are prejudices which must be destroyed in order to free the workers of Capitalist slavery. It is no accident, therefore, that the Communists make use of any movement which weakens the power of God in the human soul. It is also true that all those influences in our country which promote a Godless society and a Godless faith are preparing

the ground for Communism, whether they know it or not.

Another form of attack and assault on the Christian faith is more subtle and, in some ways, more dangerous. This attack is coming from the realm of religion itself, and is spearheaded by a doctrine which, in recent days, has been called "The God is Dead Movement."

The basic ideas of the men who hold these views is that the God of our Fathers, Who had direct control of human history, is really a myth, and does not actually exist. In other words, the God of the Bible, or the God of our Fathers, can no longer be depended upon as an object of faith.

These theologians are thus gutting the very heart of the Christian faith and removing the foundation stone on which the American Republic rests. They are willing to build a religion around the person of Jesus of Nazareth, but it is not in the true sense the Jesus Christ of the Bible because the Jesus of Whom they speak is merely a man, and in no way at all is he uniquely God in the flesh. What we have here then is the misuse of the Name of Christ to cover an ancient heresy called humanism or the deification of man.

It is ideas such as these that can utterly destroy the moral and spiritual hope of the American people. Wherever such ideas take hold in the human mind, the inevitable result is anarchy, immorality and disorder. The reason why these evil results flow from such a Godless view is that it removes all restraint from human nature to respect the Sovereignty of Christ as a governing factor in human affairs. William Penn expressed it well when he said, "Men will either be governed by Almighty God, or they will shortly be ruled by tyrants."

This is really the choice which faces the American people. If we permit this two-pronged assault on faith and the God of our Fathers to continue, we can be absolutely certain that we will face a time of world anarchy and dark misery which is precisely what Daniel Webster predicted if, at any time, the American Constitution were destroyed.

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THE ATTACK ON LAW AND ORDER IN AMERICA  
by Dr. N. Burnett Magruder

"It is time for thee, Lord, to work; for they have made void thy law." (Psalm 119:126)

A sure sign of social breakdown is the spread of lawlessness and anarchy in the life of a nation. Sometime ago, retired Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Whittaker, in a speech before the Tennessee Bar Association at Nashville, called attention to a:

"rapid spread of lawlessness in our land that seems to be thoroughly planned, and also to be designed to destroy, and that seriously threatens to destroy, law, order, and all vestiges of decency in our land."

The evidences of this lawlessness are the riots which have developed in cities such as Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Rochester and Philadelphia.

How has such a condition come to pass in a nation where respect for law has been a fundamental principle throughout its history? Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, in a speech to the United States Senate, pointed to:

"The leadership of certain clergymen who have stated a belief that it is appropriate, and even desirable, to disobey what they arbitrarily consider to be 'bad laws, and to obey only those laws which they label again 'good laws'.... It is shocking that some church leaders have endorsed such a program."

It is indeed shocking that the sponsorship of civil disobedience should come from men of positions of Christian responsibility because the Christian faith has historically been the backbone and foundation for civil law in western civilization.

This growing disrespect for law has expressed itself in constant propaganda and agitation against law enforcement officials. One phase of this attack has been the wide circulation of charges of "police brutality." The F. B. I. investigated 1700 complaints of police brutality between 1964 and 1965 and of this number, 46 cases were presented to Federal Grand Juries. Only 5 cases led to conviction in Federal Courts.

The fact is, there is a growing wave of brutality against the police themselves. For example, in the year 1964 fifty-seven police officers were murdered and 7700 were injured. In the last four years, 197 police have been murdered and those injured in assaults repre-

sented one out of every twenty-four policemen. In Los Angeles, Mayor Samuel W. Yorty said that charges of police brutality in the Los Angeles riots were part of a "big lie" technique shouted by Communists, dupes and demagogues. He further said:

"For some time, there has been a world-wide subversion campaign to stigmatize police as brutal."

A rather shocking admission of the nature of this propaganda against the police was given by Floyd B. McKissick, the new National Director of CORE, when he was asked about the declining financial support for the more radical groups such as CORE. He said:

"We are changing the pitch from beatings and brutality to a different appeal. We felt the general public was tired of the brutality story."

In other words, the constant cry of police brutality was simply part of a campaign to arouse and deceive the public and now that it no longer gets any results, the appeal is being shifted to a new area.

What many Americans need to realize is this: The first line of defense against any kind of Communist infiltration are the law enforcement officers. In every country which is ruled today by the Communist Party, the public's confidence in the police has been systematically undermined before the take-over.

A Cuban exile who came to America reported on a document which he had seen in Havana which was the blueprint of the steps which were followed in the Castro Revolution. One of the most important steps was the development of a belief in police brutality. Students were employed in harassment tactics which brought them into direct conflict with the law. Each incident or injury was followed by a cry of police brutality. When, however, the police were given orders not to use force, the students took advantage of the situation to provoke further disorder and violence. In either case, the police were discredited.... and since in the minds of the people, the police represented the law, the disrespect for law eventually meant the destruction of government itself. By this blueprint, the Cuban people were delivered into Castro and slavery and terror.

As J. Edgar Hoover has stated in his directive to law enforcement officers of March 1, 1960:

"Lethargy leads only to disaster. The defense of cherished freedom, secured and handed down to us by our Forefathers, is the responsibility of each American."

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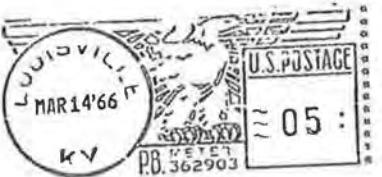
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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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As a matter of information, it might be noted that [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky, advised the following on the morning of March 15, 1966:

On March 14, 1966, he received anonymously through the mail a notice that the [redacted] of the John Birch Society, [redacted], would speak in Louisville on the evening of March 15, 1966, at the [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky. His subject is to be "The John Birch Society Looks at the United Nations." Admission is \$2.00 per person.

b7C [redacted] is advertised as one of the leaders of the John Birch Society and among the few authorized speakers for it. He supposedly majored in speech at the University of Michigan, was later an assistant television narrator, and after that, held a top sales position from which he resigned to become Staff Co-ordinator for the John Birch Society.

[redacted] appearance in Louisville is being sponsored by [redacted] Lexington, Kentucky

[redacted] advised that solely as a precautionary measure, he was having two of his men attend in plain clothes this event. [redacted] said he has heard no rumor that there might be any difficulties and was only sending his two men as a precautionary measure.

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Dear sirs:

I am a student at Russell County High and am in the process of debating the merits of the John Birch Society. My fellow debator after writing the society, got some very good information, which seem to throw a different light on the organisation than is given to the public. I was all ways of the opion it was a right wing organization, if so could you send me some information about its activitiesin this way. If not could you send me an address where I could get this information, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Yours truly,

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Please acknowledge -

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Russell County High School

~~Verbal Report Received~~  
RUSSELL SPRINGS, KY. 42642

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Federal Bureau of Investigation Office  
Louisville, Kentucky

[redacted]  
Louisville, Kentucky 40202  
March 18, 1966

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[redacted]  
Russell Springs, Kentucky 42642

Dear [redacted]:

I have received your recent letter to this office wherein you inquired concerning the John Birch Society.

Information in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is confidential and cannot be disclosed except to authorized government agencies. Accordingly, I am unable to comment concerning this inquiry. I must further point out that my inability to comment should not be interpreted by you to mean that the FBI either does or does not have information concerning the subject of your inquiry.

The interest which prompted you to write this office is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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[redacted] Special Agent in Charge

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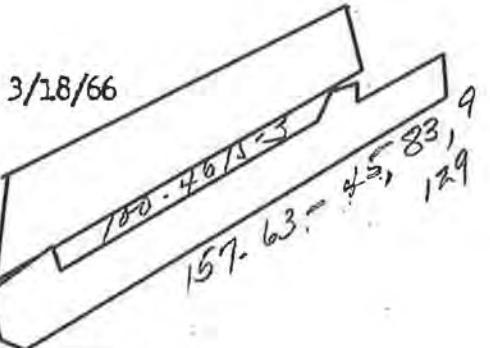
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FROM: SA [redacted] (#42)

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On 3/14/66, [redacted] who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, furnished [redacted]

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# Anonymous Publication Appears At Western

A new off-campus publication greeted Western Kentucky University students yesterday as classes resumed after the spring break.

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In its initial appearance, "In Depth," a three-page mimeographed publication, urged students to vote against the proposed plan for student government at Western.

The anonymous publication charges that the student government proposal, which was drawn up by a 16-member student committee, "is a carbon copy of the U. S. Constitution with the Bill of Rights and other liberties stricken out."

The editor or editors of the special issue indicated that contributions and letters to the editor are not required to be signed and will be printed anonymously.

The publication asks, "What

ever hapened to the idea of students running their own affairs?" and suggests the administration "take care of cleaning the lavatories, running admissions, keeping the campus clean, counseling — all the administration affairs involved in running a school."

In addition to criticizing the student government proposal and university administration, the publication strikes out against the campus newspaper.

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Meanwhile, an article distributed to Kentuckiana newspapers by the Christian Heritage Center, Louisville, commended the administration's suspension of four students for an article termed "objectionable" which appeared in another off-campus publication, "The Skewer."

The bylined-column says, "We do not believe that the position of the liberal clique which runs the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union and the viewpoint of the editorial of the Courier-Journal (March 18) are representative of the best interests of higher education in the Commonwealth."

It charges that the "permissive attitude of laxity and anarchy of the organizations involved . . . has provided the umbrella under which the campuses of American universities have become staging areas of Marxist tactics . . ."

"It is interesting," Dr. N. B. Magruder concludes, "that the administration of the tax supported institution is willing to take courageous steps toward maintaining a standard which the presidents of many Christian denominational colleges would not undertake in their own situations."

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Park City Daily News  
Bowling Green, Ky

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 3/18/66

FROM: SA [redacted] (#42)

SUBJECT:

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KENTUCKY INFORMATION  
SERVICE  
PO BOX 7013  
LOUISVILLE KY 40207 S  
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On 3/14/66, [redacted] who has furnished reliable  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LS(62-1)  
ATT: SA [redacted]  
FROM : SA [redacted]

DATE: 5/16/66

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SUBJECT: THE FLORIDA SCALE OF EDUCATIONAL AND CIVIC BELIEFS  
Information Concerning

On 5/16/66 [redacted] a liquor store clerk, appeared at the [redacted] and furnished [redacted] the enclosed list of questions from captioned organization which he thought were inflammatory and possibly distributed by the John Birch Society. He said a man left the questions at his home and said he would return to pick up the answered questionnaire. When the man returned [redacted] father told the man the questionnaire had been thrown away.

A review of the 1965 Owensboro City Directory reveals that [redacted] is a teacher for the Board of Education and lives at [redacted]. The Directory reflects that [redacted] is factory worker for General Electric and lives at [redacted]

This is submitted for review as suggested by SA [redacted] to determine [redacted] from the questions whether there is any merit in retaining it.

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From

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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By

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned  Yes Receipt given  Yes  
 No  No

## Description:

*Questionnaire*  
Coverage from  
The Florida Society  
Educational

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# 674

December 16, 1965

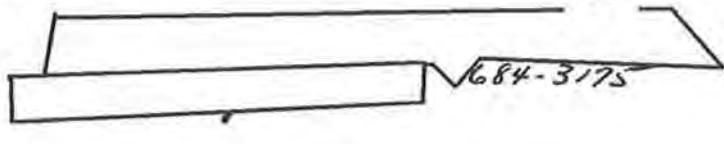
A poll of voter opinion on certain civic and educational beliefs is being conducted in several states as a research project sponsored by the University of Florida. It is being done solely as research and for research purposes only. Your personal opinion on the attached opinionnaire will help us in this study. Your name was selected by chance from the voter registration lists.

Please do not sign the form or place any marks on it which might identify you. The person who tallies the opinionnaire will know only that it is one of several hundred collected in your area.

The statements in the opinionnaire largely reflect issues which are discussed frequently in newspaper editorials and on radio and television. It is expected that opinion on these will differ — they were chosen for this purpose. Recognizing that your privacy is assured, please respond to each statement as accurately as you can without consulting others. Simply answer as your first impression directs; do not try to analyze the statements as you would on a test.

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Thank you for your cooperation.



## THE FLORIDA SCALE OF EDUCATIONAL AND CIVIC BELIEFS

Following are some statements with which you may agree or disagree. Circle the symbol which best represents your position on each statement as follows:

SA - Strongly Agree

A - Agree

N - Neither agree nor disagree

D - Disagree

SD - Strongly Disagree

- SA  N  D SD 1. Socialized medicine would ruin medical standards and fill our nation with people having imaginary ailments.
- SA  N  D SD 2. The idea of equality should not be restricted to political equality.
- SA  N  D SD 3. Centralization of government tends to destroy the rights of the individual.
- SA  N  D SD 4. History shows that economic and social planning by governments does not necessarily lead to dictatorship.
- SA  A  N  D  SD 5. Federal participation in local affairs can exist without undesirable federal control.
- SA  A  N  D  SD 6. Moderates, who preach appeasement by urging us to give up our fight against centralized government and liberal constitutional interpretation, do so mostly for their personal political gain.
- SA  A  N  D  SD 7. What a state does with its schools should be its business, not the Supreme Court's.
- SA  A  N  D  SD 8. The most serious political issue of our day is the encroachment of the federal government upon states' rights.
- SA  A  N  D  SD 9. Local government is grass-roots democracy at work and represents the voice of the people better than centralized government.
- SA  A  N  D  SD 10. The federal government taxes the states and then sends this money back, minus what is wasted in Washington.
- SA  A  N  D  SD 11. The federal government is often more representative of the people than some state governments.
- SA  A  N  D  SD 12. Free enterprise, with an absolute minimum of governmental control, is the best way to assure full productivity in our country.
- SA  A  N  D  SD 13. Private enterprise is the only really workable system in the modern world for satisfying our economic wants.
- SA  A  N  D  SD 14. When individual producers and consumers are left free to follow their own self-interest, natural economic laws operate to produce the greatest public good.
- SA  A  N  D  SD 15. The growth of our economy depends upon an increase in the activities of government to satisfy human wants as well as an increase in our private economy.

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- SA A N D SD 16. The principle of free competition is a natural law which should govern our business system without governmental interference.
- SA A N D SD 17. Government regulation of the market should occur only in cases of monopolies such as public utilities.
- SA A N D SD 18. We should get back to hard work to cure our country's ills.
- SA A N D SD 19. A growing national debt is nothing to worry about if the national income is growing at the same rate.
- SA A N D SD 20. The price of aid to education, from a larger unit of government to a smaller one, is that the smaller one must do what it is told.
- SA A N D SD 21. To keep taxes from rising is commendable but in reality taxes should be cut.
- SA A N D SD 22. The government is doing things which we simply cannot afford at public expense.
- SA A N D SD 23. Deficit spending is a bad public policy except possibly in time of war.
- SA A N D SD 24. All government spending should be on a pay-as-you-go basis.
- SA A N D SD 25. The government should meet the needs of the people, if necessary, through borrowing money or increasing taxes.
- SA A N D SD 26. Good financial principles for private enterprise are equally good principles for government.
- SA A N D SD 27. Government spending is naturally wasteful.
- SA A N D SD 28. We are spending more than the people can really afford to spend for government services.
- SA A N D SD 29. The collecting and spending of tax money is most wasteful at the federal level, not so wasteful at the state level, and least wasteful at the local level of government.
- SA A N D SD 30. Congress should accept the sensible virtue other businesses and individuals have learned--that of living within one's means.
- SA A N D SD 31. Our government can and should do more to promote the general welfare. *Yank - Stay Out*
- SA A N D SD 32. Private enterprise could do better many of the things that government is now doing.
- SA A N D SD 33. The best governed is the least governed.
- SA A N D SD 34. Charitable services for those in need should be left to voluntary groups.
- SA A N D SD 35. Government in the United States is not the enemy of business.
- SA A N D SD 36. Increased government services in the social welfare programs may increase an individual's freedom.
- SA A N D SD 37. The Supreme Court has assumed powers not given to it by law or by custom.
- SA A N D SD 38. Federal aid to schools, aid to the aged through social security, more stringent civil rights laws, and laws of like nature, are dangerously parallel to methods used in socialistic countries.

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- SA A N D SD 39. The government should increase its activity in matters of health, retirement, wages, and old-age benefits.
- SA A N D SD 40. Some races are by nature inferior mentally, emotionally, and physically.
- SA A N D SD 41. Unless we change social conditions, many children of minority groups will be unable to realize their full potentialities.
- SA A N D SD 42. The United Nations has become an international debating society paid for by the United States.
- SA A N D SD 43. Our foreign policy has been motivated too long by a spirit of do-goodism.
- SA A N D SD 44. We could recognize nations such as Red China without implying that we approve of their forms of government.
- SA A N D SD 45. Production is greatest in an economic system based upon competition and some pressure.
- SA A N D SD 46. The higher the taxes for education, the less the taxpayers have for food, clothing, and shelter.
- SA A N D SD 47. The cost of education beyond high school should be largely financed by public funds.
- SA A N T SD 48. Allowing children freedom in school encourages learning.
- SA A N D SD 49. In the long run the more money society spends for education, the more money people have to spend for other things.
- SA A N D SD 50. When the school remains silent on social issues, it is not meeting its responsibilities.
- SA A N D SD 51. School people will just have to learn to get along without a lot of fancy buildings and equipment.
- SA A N D SD 52. All of the expenses of the child's schooling should be paid from public funds.
- SA A N D SD 53. The methods of discipline used in the schools around 1920 were more effective than methods used today.
- SA A N D SD 54. Expenditures for education make a vital contribution to national defense.
- SA A N D SD 55. Schools should teach the fundamentals and leave social ideas to the home and church.
- SA A N D SD 56. The people are being taxed to the limit for the schools right now.
- SA A N D SD 57. Basically, it should be the individual's responsibility to provide for his education.
- SA A N D SD 58. You should teach a child what he ought to know rather than what he wants to know.
- SA A N D SD 59. In the long run it will cost a community less to pay taxes for education than to pay taxes to support prisons and people on relief.
- SA A N D SD 60. Grade schools should stick to the three R's.

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- SA AND SD 61. Educational costs are too high and are completely out of line with other public services.
- SA AND SD 62. Much of the expenses for schools should be paid by parents.
- SA AND SD 63. Failure to heed the ancient rule "spare the rod and spoil the child" in our schools has increased juvenile delinquency.
- SA AND SD 64. School costs threaten to bankrupt the government.

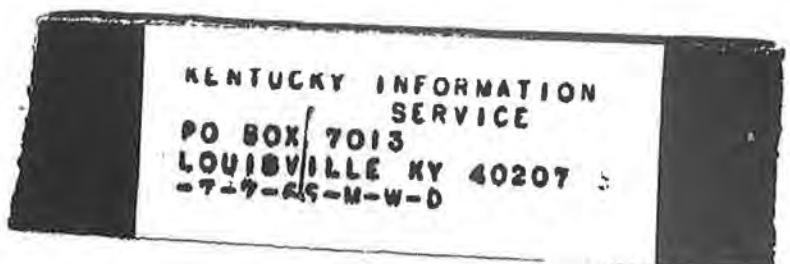
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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 3/18/66

FROM: SA [redacted] (42) b7C

SUBJECT:



On 3/15/66, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the [redacted]

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**THE CONSERVATIVE TREND** BY DAVID SCHROER

## Local civil rights now volatile issue

Civil Rights has erupted as a volatile issue on the local scene.

The progression of events leading to the current crisis situation is generally as follows. First, as background to the current state of affairs, Louisville and Jefferson County have achieved a national reputation for constructive progress and cooperation in race relations—especially during the tenure of former mayor and now Third District Congressman William O. Cowger. This fine record includes enactment of the local open occupancy ordinance as well as the appointment of many Negroes to patronage positions in City and County government. Secondly, certain radical elements—including the Rev. A. D. Williams King, Dr. Ray Bixler of UL, and some of the local "poverty" people—began crying for a strict open housing ordinance with criminal enforcement provisions shortly after Mayor Schmied took office a year ago.

(Open housing is undoubtedly one of the most blatant infringements of individual liberty ever devised to be imposed on the



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American people. It is in effect, "property imprisonment," and it forces one to sell or rent his real estate to anyone, regardless of the wishes of the land owner. Failure to sell or rent to anyone would result in a criminal violation of the law and a jail sentence.)

Thirdly, the whole issue has become involved in partisan politics. Local Democrats, (who are in a state of utter disarray following two successive election disasters), have seized upon Civil Rights in general and open housing in particular as potentially fruitful political issues. Meanwhile, the local GOP Administration is enthusiastically defending its splendid record in human relations.

Fourthly, the radical Negroes and their white sympathizers have threatened the community with demonstrations — complete with out of state agitators—unless all of their unreasonable demands are met by Mayor Schmied.

Fifthly, Dr. Ray Bixler of the renowned UL Psychology Department is now going around town making speeches to Womens' Clubs clamoring for immediate adoption of open housing legislation.

The entire situation has now risen to crisis proportions as a result of sensational exploitation by the **Courier-Journal** and abundant local TV and radio coverage.

In the interest of sustained progress in local human relations, let us hope that the radicals are thwarted and that (1) the open housing ordinance is defeated by the Board of Aldermen, (2) local Democrats find a legitimate issue rather than manufacturing the false cry of "Civil Rights," (3) we are spared the revolting spectacle of racial demonstrations, (4) Dr. Bixler returns to teaching his students about the inspiring world of psychology and Rev. King returns to preaching about the wonders of heaven, and (5) the Administration of Mayor Schmied continues its level-headed and sensible approach to human relations.

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THE CARDINAL  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-Dead)

DATE:

1/20/67

FROM :

SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

## INFORMATION CONCERNING (SECURITY MATTER)

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Re memo of SPC [redacted] dated 12/3/66.

The current city and suburban directories contain no listing of subject; however the suburban directory does reflect that a [redacted] resides at [redacted], Louisville, Kentucky, and is employed as a secretary with the law firm of [redacted], Louisville, Kentucky.

On 12/9/66, the writer telephonically contacted [redacted] during which [redacted] was thanked for his interest in phoning this office but it was made clear to him that this office was not, in any way, requesting him to take any action on behalf of the FBI and that any action he might take in connection with his interest in any organizations, the they reportedly Communist or Facist, must be taken on his own responsibility and not on behalf of the FBI.

He stated he clearly understood this.

During the conversation, he commented as follows:

He is currently 14 years of age, attends Waggoner High School and is rated as a superior student. He has been deeply interested in Politics since 1962, at which time he classified himself as a "liberal Democrat". As his knowledge of Communism grew, he became vehemently opposed to Communism and is now vigorously anti-Communist. In this connection, he has attempted to learn all he is able concerning Communists and any other subversive-type movements.

In this connection, he has been in written communication with a number of questionable organizations including Progressive

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Labor Party in New York, the DuBois Clubs of America, the Students for a Democratic Society, the American Nazi Party and the Minutemen, among others. He has received literature from a number of the organizations.

During the year of 1965, he was in New York City and while there, personally visited the headquarters of the Trotskyites. He is trying to build a good library on revolutionary extreme-type organizations. In the Spring of 1966, he attended a two-weeks' anti-Communist school in Colorado Springs, Colorado, run by [redacted] of the Christian Crusade organization.

[redacted] visited Louisville on 7/23/66 and gave a speech at which time [redacted] was in attendance, and actually was at one of the doors passing out literature. In this connection, [redacted] noted that [redacted] attended [redacted] speech and was recognized by [redacted] in the audience, at which time [redacted] openly commented about her presence and her operating currently from "3210 West Broadway, in Louisville". [redacted] stated that he is not personally acquainted with either [redacted]. However, on one occasion, [redacted] of Louisville with whom [redacted] is acquainted, was desirous of obtaining some literature from the SCEF organization and [redacted] in an effort to assist [redacted] in this respect, telephoned the SCEF headquarters in Louisville and requested some of its literature which he subsequently received through the mail and gave to [redacted]

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[redacted] said that as a result of his corresponding with the American Nazi Party in Arlington, Virginia, he received a letter from "this character" [redacted] of Nicholasville, Kentucky. In the letter, [redacted] advised [redacted] that [redacted] stated he personally preferred to refer to him as [redacted] [redacted] would be visiting [redacted] home in April, 1965 and offered [redacted] the opportunity to come to Nicholasville at the time to meet the commander. [redacted] made no response to [redacted]. A few months later, [redacted] again wrote [redacted] advising that efforts were being made to get [redacted] a bus he could use for transportation through the obtaining of sufficient green stamps with which to obtain the bus, and [redacted] requested [redacted] to donate some green stamps. [redacted] again did not respond.

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Regarding Minuteman literature [redacted] has received, [redacted] stated he apparently has gotten his name on the mailing list of that organization. He stated that he certainly does not agree with the actions of the Minutemen if that organization advocates or condones violence in connection with obtaining its goals because [redacted] is certain that anyone condoning or advocating violence "is not acting in support of freedom."

[redacted] commented that around April or May of 1968, he received b7C literature from the Minutemen advertising a new book by its leader, ROBERT DE PUGH, regarding his plans of setting up a "patriotic party". In addition, he has received other literature of the Patriotic Party and he commented he is not sufficiently well versed at this point in the beliefs of the Patriotic Party to justify a conclusion in his own mind as to whether it is "legitimate or subversive". He stated that he currently feels that the Patriotic Party has "some good conservatives as well as some irresponsible members."

In summary, [redacted] stated that his own position in these matters is "Wherever the U. S. Constitution places the United States, that is where I stand."

Submitted as a matter of information.

SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-197)

2/2/67

SA [redacted]

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On 1/25/67, [redacted]

the [redacted] Louisville, Ky., visited the office and left for you the attached special report of the Christian Heritage Center dated January 12, 1967, relating to the activities of the captioned organization. [redacted] stated he had planned to mail this report to you but instead left it with the writer.

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(Regarding [redacted], it might be noted that an article in the January 1, 1963, issue of the Courier-Journal reported concerning the establishment of the Christian Conservative Center and [redacted]. The article also stated that [redacted]

[redacted] had been [redacted]

[redacted] because of his espousal of ultra-conservative causes. An article in the [redacted] issue of the Louisville Times identified [redacted] as the [redacted] of the [redacted].)

It is noted the attached Christian Heritage Center report relates primarily to the recent appointment of some professors of Presbyterian seminaries and colleges to the Board of the captioned organization. It is suggested the attached report be reviewed and marked for appropriate indexing.

- 1 - 100-197  
1 - 100-4024 [redacted]  
1 - 100-4661 (Louisville Peace and Freedom Center)  
1 - 100-4816 (NCCEWV)  
1 - 157-63 (John Birch Society)  
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Regarding the captioned organization and [redacted], [redacted] commented that he has compiled a rather voluminous file, and he voluntarily offered to go through his file and cull out for the benefit of this office the salient data contained therein concerning [redacted] and SCEF. The offer was accepted, and [redacted] was thanked for it. It was mentioned to [redacted], and he stated he thoroughly understood, that he was not taking this action at the request of the FBI but solely on his own initiative. He indicated that he has some sources, unidentified, who supply him with information concerning SCEF and [redacted] and he would be glad to furnish this office any pertinent data he may receive concerning these matters in the future. He desired that this be on a confidential basis, and he in turn would not advise other individuals he is supplying the information.

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During his visit, [redacted] mentioned that in the past a professor, [redacted] at [redacted] [redacted], Kentucky, has written letters to the editors of the Louisville newspapers in which [redacted] takes an anti-U.S. position with respect to Vietnam. Because of this, [redacted] Danville, Kentucky, described by [redacted] as an associate of [redacted] wrote a letter to [redacted] inquiring of [redacted] why he sees fit to take an anti-U.S. position regarding Vietnam. Apparently in response to this letter [redacted] has recently received a copy of the July-August, 1966 issue of the magazine "Minority of One" as there was a notation on the magazine that it had been mailed to [redacted] at the suggestion of [redacted]. [redacted] noted that this magazine is vehemently pro-Communist, and [redacted] was concerned over the apparent fact that a professor would be receiving such literature. [redacted] had with him the magazine in question which reflected it was published bimonthly by the Minority of One, Inc., Post Office Box 544, Passaic, New Jersey.

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During the above interview, [redacted] was most cordial and indicated that his only purpose in contacting this office was to do whatever he could personally to combat the evils of Communism.

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**'The Nature of the Enemy'**

Carl Braden, in Readers' Views January 22, asks that I protest as loudly against the killing and maiming of women and children by U.S. planes as I do against the torturing of children by some Asian Communists by plunging bamboo splinters into their eardrums.

I do not mean to imply that all of Communism is evil, or that all Communists are evil, but in this case the eardrums of the children were destroyed with premeditation, malice aforethought, deliberately, knowingly, intentionally. Those women and children who are accidentally and unintentionally being harmed by U.S. planes can logically be regarded as sacrificial offerings upon the altar of human freedom, and surely God will make it up to them.

It is not the bamboo splinters that are important (as opposed to planes, bombs and napalm); it is what they reveal about the nature of the enemy. The best talent of South Vietnamese society in the fields of agriculture, political science, medicine, education, etc., is being destroyed by the Communists. The Viet Cong, and those Communists of North Vietnam and Red China who are evil, are seriously violating the inalienable rights of the people of South Vietnam to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The free world has asked to help protect those rights.

ROBERT M. MILLETT  
501 Englewood Rd., Middlesboro, Ky.

**Charges 'Slanted' Reports**

Carl Braden's letter January 22 quotes from Ramparts magazine about the children Americans are killing in Vietnam. I'd like to know if his magazine also told about the men, women, and children who are daily maimed or killed by the Viet Cong in South Vietnam. The great American author John Steinbeck had much to say about this!

Why is it that our news services seem to want to slant the news about the atrocities of the Viet Cong and yet "play up" real big the fact that a few civilians are killed? That great American, Dwight D. Eisenhower, said that a few civilians always suffer in war!

This deliberate attempt by the far left to play up one side of the war in an effort to get negotiations on Communist terms is uncalled for.

PETER FRANK II  
226 N. Second St., Danville, Ky.

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Editorials

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Courier-Journal  
Louisville, Ky

Date: 2-3-67  
Edition: Morning  
Author:  
Editor: Barry Bingham  
Title:

Character: *80-500*  
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On 2/1/67, Officer [redacted]. Louisville  
Police Department, residence [redacted]  
Kentucky, advised as follows:

He [redacted]  
[redacted]

He has an unlisted telephone number, but his first  
name is the same as his fathers, whose name is listed in  
the telephone directory.

On the night of January 31, 1967, [redacted] mother  
received a telephone call from a man asking for Officer  
[redacted] telephone number. When his mother would not give  
the unknown caller Officer [redacted] telephone number, the  
caller said something to the effect that Officer [redacted]  
knows too much about us and we are going to get him.  
Officer [redacted] associates this threat with his anti-  
Communist activity rather than other police activity.

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[redacted] volunteered information to the effect that  
he works at the [redacted] and is a member  
of the John Birch Society. [redacted] indicated that he was  
not concerned that anyone would actually attempt to harm  
him but he asked for advice and whether or not the FBI  
had had any experience with such calls.

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[redacted] was told that the FBI could give him no advice and that since he was a policeman himself he could make as good an appraisal of the possibility that someone might attempt to do him harm as well as could the FBI.

[redacted] was told that if he or his family received further calls, this office would be interested in knowing about them as a matter of information. The provisions of the Federal Extortion Statute were explained to [redacted] and he was told that if he receives calls which appear to come from out of the state or if he or other members of his family received letters through the U.S. mail containing threats, he should advise this office, in view of the possibility of an extortion statute. [redacted]

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Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky.

**"Two Sides to War"**

In answer to Carl Braden's letter of Jan. 22; I must say that I seriously doubt anything that comes from William Pepper, or Ramparts magazine. Both of them have shown little or no respect for their own country. Mr. Pepper came to this country from England, but left his heart with VC Charlie. Ramparts magazine seems to disagree with this country also.

If the South Vietnamese did pierce the eardrums of children, I will be the first to say they should be punished.

While we are talking about killing and maiming, what about the VC and North Vietnam? In North Vietnam, a young minister was killed and his body put on display to the public, because he committed the horrible crime of printing the Bible. What about the thousands of village leaders murdered by the VC, some of them cut open?

If we are going to present the war to the people, let's give them both sides.

CECIL A. CASWELL, Jr.  
3107 Wayne Rd., Louisville

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**Would Battle Communism**

Due to laxity at Frankfort, Kentucky has become the largest inland center of communism in the United States. There are eight ways to help combat this increase of communists:

1. See that other Americans are fully informed about the true objectives and methods of communism and its danger to all we hold dear.
2. Encourage religion in your community. Attend and support the church of your choice. The word of God is the weapon most feared by the Communist.
3. Take an active interest in public affairs. Always vote in elections—get others out to vote.
4. Support the election of candidates who understand the scope and seriousness of the Communist problem, and agree to work for its elimination.
5. Be fair with your government. Vote on the basis of what you feel is best for the country and not on the basis of "what's good for men." Our government will be only as strong as we make it.
6. Take a vital interest in the education of your children. Get to know their teachers. Know how school books are selected and what they contain. Be sure that Communist poison is not being administered right under your very eyes.
7. Don't join groups—don't sign petitions—unless you first investigate them. Communists have so perverted such appealing words as "peace," "freedom," "youth" and "mother" that any organization or document using these or similar words should be questioned until you know who is behind it.
8. If any evidence of communism at work should come to your attention, get in touch with your nearest FBI office. Give them all the facts and then forget about it, unless asked by the FBI to do otherwise.

CECIL A. CASWELL JR.  
3107 Wayne Rd., Louisville

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SA W. L. HORNBACK

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[REDACTED] On 3/22/67 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Church, Shively, Louisville, Kentucky, home telephone  
church telephone [REDACTED] called the Louisville  
Office.

He advised that this week a paper has been circulating in the neighborhood published by one [REDACTED] of Glasgow, Kentucky, in which it is indicated that [REDACTED] of Louisville, Kentucky, is a Communist and it shows his office address at Louisville. Also it states that [REDACTED] is associated with 40 subversive groups. Among this list of subversive groups which [REDACTED] was particularly interested in was the Methodist Federation for Social Action and the Methodist Federation for Social Service. He desired to know whether it is true that these two organizations are listed as subversive organizations stating that he wanted to put something either refuting or affirming that they are in his church paper.

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[REDACTED] was advised that this office was not at liberty to state whether these organizations are or are not on the list of subversive groups but that if he desired to know he should contact the Subversive Control Union, Internal Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

It was pointed out to him that there is a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive organizations and Publications" which is prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

211 Madrid Building  
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

March 27, 1967

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[REDACTED]  
DANVILLE, KENTUCKY  
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On March 20, 1967, [REDACTED] Danville, Kentucky, furnished to a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, copies of a printed circular entitled "Centre College Professor, Jack R. McMichael, Affiliated With 40 Subversives Listed By U.S. Government. McMichael Helps Mastermind The 'House of Communism'". This circular lists some forty organizations "listed with the U.S. Government as communist fronts" and identifies Jack R. McMichael as being affiliated with these forty organizations. The circular states that former communist Kenneth Goff and former communist Manning Johnson, "Federal Bureau of Investigation undercover agents", Martha N. Edmiston and John J. Edmiston, made these identifications. It is also stated that McMichael directs the functions of the "House of Communism" as a Kentucky board member of Carl Braden's Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), with headquarters at 3210 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky. The circular sets forth additional information concerning SCEF and its connections with subversive elements in the United States. The circular is prepared and signed by Marion Vance of Glasgow, Kentucky.

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[REDACTED] advised that the circulars have been mailed to a great number of private citizens in Danville and Boyle County, Kentucky, and two envelopes have been addressed to [REDACTED] as [REDACTED], Danville, Kentucky", postmarked Glasgow, Kentucky, March 16, 1967, and bearing the return address "Marion Vance, Glasgow, Kentucky, 42141" 157-63-153

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SCEF and [REDACTED] are characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

On the night of March 21, 1967, [REDACTED] Danville, Kentucky, telephonically contacted a representative of this Bureau and advised that he had received information that there was to be a meeting at 6:45 PM on March 21, 1967, in the assembly room of the old high school building on the Centre Campus, which had been called by President Thomas Spragens. The meeting was being conducted for the purpose of Dr. McMichael "to answer all questions" relative to his alleged subversive connections, so that the students themselves could make a judgment as to whether Dr. McMichael was actually guilty of the charges made against him in the above-described circular.

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[REDACTED] informed that he was going to attend the meeting himself and that several other individuals with whom he is acquainted were coming from Louisville to participate in the discussion. One of them he identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in the Presbyterian Seminary at Louisville, and whose office is at 304 West Liberty Street, Louisville.

On the night of March 21, 1967, [REDACTED] Danville, Kentucky, was recontacted, advised of the fact that a meeting was to occur in the assembly room at Centre College, and that there were to be individuals in attendance who opposed McMichael and who according to [REDACTED] previously mentioned, were intent on exposing McMichael and causing him to be discharged from the college and forced to leave town. [REDACTED] stated that in order to cope with any possible disturbance which might occur at this meeting and in view of the diverse elements involved, that he or someone else from his department would be in attendance in the event there should be an outbreak of violence.

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On March 22, 1967, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], advised that he attended the meeting in the assembly room in the old Danville High School on the Centre College Campus at 6:45 PM, March 21, 1967.

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] acted as moderator of the meeting and stated that a number of circulars had been distributed on the campus, and in the community, alleging that [REDACTED] was a communist, listing the organizations of which [REDACTED] was allegedly a member or affiliated with, and identifying him as a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that the purpose of the meeting was to have a public discussion of the charges against [REDACTED] and stated that the distribution of the circulars was for the purpose of "undermining or lowering [REDACTED] name". b7C

[REDACTED] stated that he was aware of [REDACTED] alleged past associations at the time [REDACTED] was hired as a professor at the college, but that [REDACTED] had checked [REDACTED] professional and academic qualifications and [REDACTED] had been recommended by educators at institutions from New York to California.

In addition, ministers from all over the country had endorsed [REDACTED] as a man of the highest character and principles, and a dedicated Christian.

[REDACTED] then took the floor and talked for about an hour, according to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he had seen the circular, but "did not know what it was all about". [REDACTED] questioned the meaning of the phrase "being affiliated with", added that he recognized some of the committees identified on the circular, and stated that he thought all of them were "for the betterment of the people". He made specific reference to the publication "Friday", and stated that about twenty years ago he did write an article for this publication, but this certainly could not be taken to mean he was a communist. b7C

With reference to the charge that he had openly defended the Communist Party, [REDACTED] stated that he had defended the matter of the Communist Party appearing on the ballot in New York State some years previously. He personally felt that any party had the right to appear on the ballot along with the more popular parties in this country. He stated

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that "people do not need protection against whom they can vote for". He did not feel that it was right for anyone to say that a citizen of this country could vote for one party but not for another.

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With reference to [redacted], [redacted] stated that he had heard of this individual but he did not know him. He identified [redacted] wife [redacted] as the editor of a publication entitled [redacted] which referred to the [redacted].

[redacted] also stated that [redacted] had refused to [redacted]  
[redacted].

[redacted] recalled the sedition trial at Louisville in 1953 of [redacted] in State Court and that [redacted] expressed the opinion that [redacted] was not guilty of the charges made against him. Moreover, he pointed out that following the conviction of [redacted] was released [redacted].

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Moreover, [redacted] advised that [redacted] was convicted in this trial for the most part on testimony by [redacted].

[redacted] and who had illegally and unconstitutionally [redacted] to gather incriminating evidence against [redacted].

[redacted] acknowledged that he had been before the House Committee on Un-American Activities some years previously with reference to his own political beliefs, that he appeared there two days, had no counsel, and after two people accused him of being a member of the Communist Party, he inquired at the hearing whether he could approach the two people who had accused him, but was told by the chairman that he could not meet his two accusers and that this was not the proper procedure.

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[redacted] pointed out that under the current laws, that even the criminals in this country have a right to a number of safeguards which were not afforded him at the time of the hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He pointed out that he had no counsel at the time of his appearance, but that criminals in this country have any number of protections as a result of recent decisions by the United States Supreme Court.

[redacted] also stated that while [redacted] did not specifically deny that he was a communist, nevertheless the impression he gained was that [redacted] was insisting that he was innocent and could not understand why the charges were being made against him.

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[redacted] of Louisville an alumnus of Centre College, then approached [redacted] and requested the privilege of speaking with reference to instant matter. [redacted] reiterated a number of charges which were made in the flyer concerning [redacted] basing his charges on documents which he had in his brief case at the time concerning [redacted] past affiliations, but [redacted] would not come right out and make the statement that [redacted] was a communist.

[redacted] did state that he had spent approximately four years investigating [redacted] and added that he would spend four more years in order to get rid of him as a member of the faculty of Centre College.

One of the professors in attendance, name unknown, then inquired of [redacted] if he thought the "NAACP" was a communist front. [redacted] declined to answer the question.

[redacted] at the college, then stated that [redacted] was investigated before he was hired, that no evidence was found that he was a communist, but if anyone had proof that [redacted] was a communist "we don't want him on the faculty of this school". Subsequently in a discussion during a recess of the meeting, [redacted] of Louisville, associated with the Christian Heritage Foundation there and who had accompanied [redacted] to Danville on this occasion, advised [redacted]

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[redacted] that documents had been brought to Centre College detailing [redacted] past association with communist front organizations, and that they were placed on the desk of [redacted] in the latter's office, but that [redacted] would not even look at them. [redacted] then replied that he was not even aware that this had occurred. At one point in the discussion [redacted] an attorney at Danville, Kentucky, [redacted] challenged the legal aspects of certain documents reciting subversive activities on the part of [redacted]. b7C

[redacted] advised that there were approximately two-hundred individuals in attendance at this meeting, that the vast majority of them were students at the college, and from the remarks made by a number of the students, they appeared to sympathize with [redacted], ridiculed [redacted] and when [redacted] attempted to quote the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, one of the students shouted "we don't want to hear about J. Edgar Hoover".

[redacted] added that while the meeting broke up on a fairly peaceful and non-violent note, he gained the impression that if any action were taken against [redacted] in discharging him from his position at Centre College, that a student protest involving the entire student body would follow. b7C

On March 22, 1967, [redacted] Danville, Kentucky, previously mentioned, advised he had received information that there was to be a meeting of the Board of Trustees, Centre College, involving those living in the Louisville area, at Louisville on Saturday, March 25, 1967, relative to the retention of [redacted] as a teacher at Centre College.

APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INCORPORATED

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946, changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940's, SCEF continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960's. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that [redacted] b7C  
[redacted], a Communist Party Functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 3, 1966, that during the time that the SCHW was in existence members of the Communist Party were members of and worked actively in the SCHW; however, since the formation of the SCEF, Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial issue.

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SCEF (continued)

[redacted] and [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] respectively of the SCEF, were identified by  
[redacted] Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, on December 13, 1954, in her testimony in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Court in the prosecution of [redacted] under a state sedition statute, as members of the Communist Party in Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to December, 1954.

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A third source advised on May 26, 1965, that [redacted] a Communist Party functionary, expressed great admiration for [redacted] and [redacted] and the SCEF, with which they are affiliated, and expressed the view that the SCEF is the best organization in the South as far as doing effective work is concerned and that they have a better idea of what they are doing, where they are heading, and influence other organizations for the better.

The second source also advised on June 3, 1966, that many people who are officials and supporters of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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Speech on The "John Birch Society"  
by Wm. W. Rowe, Jr.  
As presented to the Covington, Kentucky  
Junior Chamber of Commerce, July 24, 1961

Thank you Mr. Nienaber. Good evening, gentlemen. It is indeed a pleasure to have the honor and the opportunity to speak to you tonight.

I should like to outline for you some of the questions about the John Birch Society which are probably on your minds, and which I propose to answer during the course of the evening:

First, who was John Birch?

Who are some of the members of the Council of the JBS?

What are the general objectives of the JBS, and what are some typical assignments for the members?

What did Robert Welch REALLY say about Eisenhower, Dulles, and the rest, and what connection does this have with the John Birch Society?

Is it true, as charged, that the JBS is totalitarian or Fascistic, or that it thrives on secrecy, - and, - are its members crackpots?

And last, why the uproar?

I am sorry that you will not hear OFFICIALLY from the Society relative to all of the foregoing questions. Where possible, I will quote from publications of the Society written by Mr. Welch, personally. The rest of the time I will be speaking as an individual, and giving you my own beliefs. It is a fair presumption, however, that my views generally coincide with those of the Society.

Who was John Birch?

Well, he was a Christian Missionary who was in China at the start of World War II. He volunteered with Chennault's forces and organized the intelligence service. He rose to the rank of Captain in the Army - (not the Navy, as "Time Magazine" stated in their attempted smear of Welch and the Society).

He was murdered by the Chinese Communists 10 days after V-J Day in 1945 and thus perhaps became the first American casualty in Communism's war against us.

I would now like to quote Robert Welch on John Birch.

"You have probably never heard of John Birch. This is simply because the Communists in Washington planned it that way. It took five years of persistent

and determined effort on the part of his parents, aided by Senator Knowland and many other good patriots, to pierce the blanket of oblivion which has been so brazenly thrown over his life and death by Communist sympathizers in our government. As the Saturday Evening Post pointed out, in a long editorial on January 22, 1955, based on The Life of John Birch by this writer: 'Amazingly, there were in Washington responsible officials who were willing to suppress news of the murder of an American officer, apparently to prevent the American people from rising in their wrath and vetoing further appeasement of communism.'

"John Birch was killed by typical Communist tactics, as a part of typical Communist strategy, in a typical Communist-style war -- a continuous undeclared war in which our enemies observe no rules of international law, of civilization, or of human decency. He commanded no armies, headed no government, converted no nations to his creed. His impact would have been of transient memory and comparatively small importance, had not that impact occurred at a time and in a way to supply particulars from which momentous generalizations can properly be projected. With his death and in his death the battle lines were drawn, in a struggle from which either Communism or Christian-style civilization must emerge with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed.

"Partly for these reasons, but even more because John Birch -- in all of his short but outstanding career -- so typified the best of America, we have named our organization in his memory. If we rediscover some of our sounder spiritual values in the example of his life, recharge our determination from the spark of his courage, and learn essential truths about our enemy from the lesson of his murder, then his death at twenty-six ceases to be a tragedy. For in a full lifetime he could not have accomplished more." End quote  
Mr. Welch -

I should like to read you the names of a few members of the Council of the John Birch Society.

Hon. T. Coleman Andrews, Former Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States. Now Chairman of the Board of two large (and affiliated) insurance companies.

Hon. Spruille Braden, Former Ambassador to several countries, former Assistant Secretary of State. A top authority on Latin American affairs.

Dean Clarence Manion, former Dean of Notre Dame Law School, in 1953 was appointed, by President Eisenhower, chairman of a Special Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. He later resigned rather than stop crusading for the Bricker Amendment. Founded the Manion Forum, which now reaches a radio audience of many millions every week.

There are many other distinguished Americans on the Council.

Several prominent Greater Cincinnatians are members:

Mr. W. L. McGrath - Pres. of Williamson Company

Mr. Harold Comey of Comey & Shepherd Real Estate

and Mr. Wm. B. Hardy - Prominent Insurance Executive

What are the objectives of the Society? I would like to quote Mr. Welch -

"The John Birch Society is a group of Americans who have voluntarily joined together:

- (1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our country, our lives, and our civilization.
- (2) To prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before.
- (3) To restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the ennobling aspirations, on which our western civilization has been built. The long-range objective of the Society has been summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world.

I would like to read you what one distinguished American has to say about the John Birch Society:

To a Mr. Crawford in Los Angeles.

April 28, 1960

"Dear Mr. Crawford:

Replying to your recent letter, I beg to advise you that I do not know of any more dedicated anti-communist in the country than Robert Welch.

I unhesitatingly recommend him to you and endorse his John Birch Society.

Under separate cover I am sending you some literature that may be of interest to you.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours most cordially,  
Richard Cardinal Cushing  
Archbishop of Boston"

And now for some typical assignments for the members. Recruit new members. - Read at least one book from the approved list. Subscribe to the Society's Magazine, "American Opinion". - - - Assignment No. 6 for December 1960 written by Mr. Welch reads as follows: "A four-cent stamp has recently been issued in honor of Senator Robert A. Taft, bearing his picture and name. One of our good members has suggested, and we agree, that it offers us an excellent opportunity to impress on Washington just how much respect for Taft and his principles is still vigorously alive in this country. Use this stamp on your mail, ask for it at your local postoffice, request that they stock it and keep on insisting if necessary, and do everything you can to make it one of the most widely used issues in many years. The world in which we are living today is one in which power is built up out of prestige, pressures, and persistence. And it is well worth the cumulative effort to all of us, to show the 'liberals' how powerful still remain the memory and ideals of Robert A. Taft." - end quote from Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society.

Other assignments include writing letters opposing the repeal of the Connally Amendment, supporting the House unAmerican Activities Committee, and promoting the impeachment of Earl Warren.

With respect to the impeachment of Earl Warren, I have not personally done anything as yet. I am waiting to see what success Congress has in passing legislation designed to undo the damage done by many recent Supreme Court decisions. Mr. Welch feels, I am sure, that it is unlikely the Congress will do anything, and in view of the massive evidence on hand, Mr. Welch promotes Warren's impeachment on the ground that he has violated his oath of office (to uphold the Constitution), and I personally believe that a very good case can be made that Warren has not upheld the Constitution, and that he has actually rewritten it in some instances.

So much for typical assignments to the members, and now on to perhaps the most important question of the evening; - - - What did Robert Welch really say about Eisenhower and Dulles and the rest, and what connection does this have with the John Birch Society?

As to what Welch actually said, I truly don't know. I have not been favoured with a copy of the document, and I have seen so many variations in print, that I have no idea what was really said. I should like, however, to make a statement myself about former President Eisenhower; I believe that it can be deduced from the events favourable to the Communists which occurred during Mr. Eisenhower's regime, that the best thing that can be said about Mr. Eisenhower, is that he did not know what he was doing, - and that the worst that can be said about him is that he did.

Personally, I believe that Eisenhower was such a fine man, that he just couldn't bring himself to a clear understanding of the evil menace to our way of life, as represented in the Communist Conspiratorial apparatus. After all, we all do judge others by ourselves a bit, you know.

Just what connection can be made with what Welch said, no matter what it was, and the John Birch Society? I believe it is important to examine the double standard set for us by the leftwing liberals in this country, on the general subject of Guilt By Association. This, you will remember was the rallying cry of the left against Senator Joseph McCarthy. It is also the basis of refutation used by the left whenever anyone brings up the letter written by Victor and Walter Reuther when they visited Russia some years ago. I should like to read excerpts from that letter, admittedly out of context, and admittedly the most damning portions of it. However, please remember that Welch's comments in question, were made several years before he founded our organization.

From Reuther's Letter

(To: Mel Bishop)

Quote

" --- Wal and I were always strong for the Soviet Union. You know we were always ready to defend it against the lies of the reactionaries. --- We are more than just sympathetic toward our Country - we are ready to fight for it and its ideals. And why not? Here the workers, through their militant leadership, the proletarian dictatorship have not sold out to the owning class ---. We are witnessing and experiencing great things in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. We are watching daily socialism being taken down from the books on the shelves and put into actual application. Who would not be inspired by such events?

Carry on the fight for a Soviet America?

Vic and Wal"  
(Victor and Walter Reuther)

Please note the obvious parallel.

Obviously, it would be absurd for me or for anyone to associate that letter with the entire United Auto Workers Union! I would say that their leader might bear some close watching, and if you wish to watch Mr. Welch closely on the same basis, I'm certain that it will be all right with me, and I think Mr. Welch would be delighted, especially if you happened to join the organization so that you could get a closer look . . .

It does bother me, however, that the left screams "Guilt By Association" against McCarthy, and turns around and uses the tactic against the right.

I should think it quite obvious by now that JBS is not totalitarian. I have stated publicly that I am not supporting the Earl Warren project at this time, and it is an undeniable fact that anyone can resign from the organization at any time. I should like to quote from a letter to the Editor of the Los Angeles Times, written by Mr. Welch. "In (the book) the 'Life of John Birch' we make

it crystal clear that our most basic quarrel with the Communists is over their belief that foul means are justified by what they consider desirable ends. Our members are told repeatedly never to do anything for the Society that goes against their individual consciences."

As a member, I can positively state that Mr. Welch stresses the importance of separating the means from the ends in any analysis of an issue, and that he insists upon legal and moral means to any end, and that I have read many times where he cautions us not to join in any project which might be offensive to our individual consciences.

The charge of Fascism is equally fantastic. Fascism requires a centralization of government, even beyond what we have today, - it implies regimentation of industry, commerce and finance, rigid censorship, and the forcible suppression of the opposition.

How is it possible to say that the Society is Fascistic? You have heard the general purpose of the organization. It appears on much of the literature put out by the Society; "Less Government, More Responsibility, and a better World." Does this sound Fascistic?

What about secrecy? All communications of the Society are widely available to anyone who wants them, and is willing to pay \$5 per year for American Opinion, the magazine; or \$1 or \$2 monthly dues for members (depending on whether you are a woman or a man) provided of course that you are accepted as a member. The Blue Book is available for sale to anyone at \$2. The activities of the organization are far more public than are the activities of many organizations of the left.

Are we crackpots? Well, I suppose that the answer to this depends upon your definition of the word "crackpot", and I can say only this: I suggest you make up your own mind on the subject.

Well then, why the uproar? To date, the Society has published nothing relative to this question, so I will have to ask you to bear with me as I attempt to answer it myself.

The key to the uproar is that the JBS hits hard at the dangers posed by Internal Communist Subversion in this country.

It is an established fact that one of the primary projects of the CPUSA for this year is to attack any and all anti-Communist Organizations, and the more effective the organization, the harder the attack. Certain left wing and liberal elements in the country have objectives and programs which are at the very least Socialistic, and thus coincide with the overall objectives of the Communists.

The John Birch Society represents active and effective resistance to these objectives and programs which have been laid out. The John Birch Society could be disastrous to the attempts now being made to subvert this country from within, and to cause it, in the words of Lenin himself in 1923, "to fall like an overripe fruit into our hands."

I would now like to read you an example of how clever newspaper reporters, using distorted questioning techniques, can elicit the answers they want to publish even from public figures who know what is going on. Please listen carefully to the wording of the questions.

"Goldwater on John Birch: Senator Goldwater, interviewed by the press in Los Angeles last week, was asked what he thought of the John Birch Society, which is now receiving some negative publicity.

"Saying he is not a member of the organization, Goldwater replied: 'I don't know much about the Society. They are anti-Communist and I don't see how we can be against that. A lot of people in my home town (Phoenix), both Democrats and Republicans, have been attracted to it, and I am impressed by the type of people in it. They are the kind we need in politics.'

"As reported by the Associated Press in a March 29 dispatch, newsmen asked Goldwater these questions:

"Does he agree with the Society that this republic is not a fit form of government with which to fight communism? 'I don't agree,' Goldwater replied.

"Does he, like the Society, believe that former President Eisenhower was a tool of the Communists? 'I certainly don't.'

"Does he agree with the Society that Chief Justice Earl Warren should be impeached? 'No, I don't.'

"Does he agree with the Society's contentions that the Communists have influenced some decision of the Supreme Court? 'I do not.' Elaborating, Goldwater said: 'I will admit that some of the recent Supreme Court decisions seemed favorable to the Communists.'

"Two questions asked by the newsmen contained inaccurate assumptions. The Society has never issued a statement that former President Eisenhower was a tool of the Communists. Such a remark was made by Robert Welch, the founder, in a confidential memo to a few of his friends one year before the Society was formed, but that statement never became a part of the Society's statement of beliefs.

The question asserting that the Society believes that 'this republic is not a fit form of government with which to fight communism' is a flagrant distortion of one of the Society's slogans: 'This is not a Democracy, but a Republic. Let's keep it so!'

The foregoing was quoted from "Human Events" a weekly newsletter published in Washington.

How long have you known that Castro was a communist?

If your reading has been confined to Time Magazine and the New York Times, and your TV has been confined to CBS, Edward R. Murrow, Charles Collingswood, and the rest, - you may not be convinced, even yet, that Castro is and has been a Communist. If you had been reading the literature of the reactionary, so-called "neanderthal right", you would have known about Mr. Castro somewhat sooner.

✓ Human Events had Mr. Castro's number, in their issue dated August 17, 1957! National Review Magazine ran a most revealing article about Castro, as a communist, in their issue of August 24, 1957. I do not have any publications by Mr. Welch dating back this far, but his February 1959 issue of American Opinion, published shortly after the founding of the John Birch Society, had this to say:

"Also, it is worth mentioning here that Venezuela is already the base of operations, propaganda and supply for the Cuban Communists; and that by the time their leader, Fidel Castro, is successful in establishing his rule in Cuba, the triangle consisting of Mexico, Cuba, and Venezuela will all be solidly enough Communist to form a very important part of the circle of containment being forged around the United States. All of which makes the attitude of our government with regard to the situation in Cuba even more significant. For, while we are GIVING guns and ammunition to the Communist Sukarno, in Indonesia, in order to enable him to put down anti-communist revolts, we are refusing even to allow guns and ammunition to be SOLD to Batista in Cuba to help him suppress the murderous and destructive Communist rebellion led by Fidel Castro. Our government even confiscated a million dollars worth of such badly needed arms which Batista had purchased. We are treating Batista exactly as we treated Chiang-Kai-Shek in the 1945-50 period; and favoring the Communist Fidel Castro now exactly as we favored the Communist Mao-Tse-Tung then. But this time it is all getting much closer home."

Please remember - Welch wrote this before Castro arrived in Havana.

Here is what Bill Buckley, editor of "National Review Magazine", has to say about the New York Times: "Having run out of things to say about the John Birch Society, the New York Times has turned its attention to other anti-Communist organizations, among them the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, which recently completed a successful school in St. Louis. The Times reporter there found, 'Many St. Louisans (no names given) puzzled and vaguely troubled' by Dr. Schwarz's presentation, although the program had the backing of the publisher of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, leading manufacturers, merchants and bankers, the Mayor and Chief of Police of the city, the two U. S. Senators

and the Governor of Missouri. There were other aspects bothering the Times reporter, i.e. 'The large proportion of younger people' in attendance. Unable to provide damaging quotations from speakers -- who included Dr. Schwarz, Herbert Philbrick and Robert Morris -- the reporter turned instead to implication.

"It seemed apparent, however that most of the speakers were suspicious of the patriotism of some members of the Kennedy administration, and of the United States Supreme Court, of large segments of the Protestant Clergy, of the United Nations and of Professors and the intellectual community in general."

We anxiously await the Times expose' of another right-wing operation of which it has yet to say a word: the pickets in front of the Times Building carrying signs which read: "All the news that fits the tint" and (with picture of Castro) "I got my job through the New York Times." (Perhaps it does pay to advertise.)"

Please put this in the back of your minds. - Mr. Welch says that no matter what you may read to the contrary, and no matter where it appears, Romulo Betancourt of Venezuela is a communist, and it is only a question of time before this fact will become so obvious to everyone that there will no longer be any need to cover it up in our newspapers. The hatchet men will have done their job in Venezuela, too.

As to why I joined the John Birch Society, I have only this to say: "I refuse to embrace a guilt complex as have so many of my contemporaries. I am proud of my ancestors, proud of my country, and proud of the climate of opportunity which helped make it great! I am proud of my children - and my intention is to leave them the world in a good deal better condition than it is now, even if only because I have lived in it.

I believe the John Birch Society will help me in this purpose. - It so happens that sometime before I joined the Society, I, together with some friends, founded an organization called "Here We Stand." The statement of purpose of this organization follows:

#### Statement of Purpose

"Here We Stand, Inc. is a non-profit corporation established to recall to the citizens of the United States their traditional philosophy of Jeffersonian Democracy and its present day relationship to Modern Conservatism, Classical Liberalism and Libertarianism, all of which are held by this organization to have one common ground: increased reliance upon self as opposed to increased dependence upon government."

Compare the John Birch statement, which I repeat: "Less government, increased responsibility, and a better world." I consider this not a coincidence, but evidence of consistency in adherence to principle among conservatives, hundreds of miles apart.

I believe that those of us who are Conservatives, should take the best from the past, and apply the wisdom of the ages to the problems of the future.

I believe that those who will not learn from history, will be condemned to repeat the mistakes of history.

I believe that the danger from internal subversion is extreme and current in the U. S. A.

As the communists have always used natives to fight their local actions in China, Laos, Indonesia, Cuba, The Congo, so have they used the respectability inherent in native citizens of this country to mask those who become Communist dupes, and fellow-travelers. These unknowing traitors have been used to fight the ideological battles of Communism, - preliminary to the actual taking over of these countries. I maintain that they are winning this preliminary battle now, and in this country.

I believe that the Communists use to their own ends, the idealism of impractical youth and the humanitarian attitudes generally likely to be evident in the citizenry of the more fortunate nations.

I believe that there is a crying need in this country for a sharp return to the basic principles which provided the cornerstones of our original foundation, and that there is a need for an alarmed and awakened leadership, capable of rising to meet the onslaught from the left.

I oppose the current conscious effort by the Left to change the institutions, traditions, and the way of living in this country, so that it will be more easily blended with that of the Soviets. The left supposes that the horrors of all-out nuclear conflict are so terrible as to make full scale war "un-thinkable".

This ancient shibboleth has been cast about upon the occasion of man's invention of the crossbow; or gunpowder; or the submarine; or the airplane; or poison gas. All of these weapons were, in their time, thought to be so horrible that some at least, cried that war had become "unthinkable".

I do not intend to get hooked. Those amongst us who are appeasement-minded had best remember Munich, Chamberlain, and "Peace in our time".

Compare the situation on appeasement and the resultant sweeping encroachment of communism today with the following: You strain your thumb starting the power mower, and until it has healed, you are painfully reminded of how more often you must use your thumb than you had ever realized before.

It is human nature not fully to appreciate an illness, or a loss of something precious until after it is gone.

So it is with freedom. As for me, give me liberty for my children and their children - Yes, freedom for generations yet unborn! Even the freedom to make mistakes, if you will - so long as no one else gets hurt. Freedom to make these self-inflicted mistakes so that we can grow in character and stature, and profit from our mistakes. Give me and my children and their children, our freedom -- or give me death!

The onslaught from the left against the John Birch Society has commenced. The evidence is clear from the outraged, factless diatribes which are appearing almost everywhere. The left-wing liberals, compulsive collectivists that they are, see in the John Birch Society a potential threat to their present control of the destiny of the nation and the world. It is the freedom of expression by the right to which the left objects: the freedom of the right to point out the totalitarian inconsistencies, the sloganized unreasoned, unprincipled, pragmatism as preached by the Communist dupes, sympathizers and fellow-travelers.

Their hysterical cries of anguish indicate that for them the battle has been fully joined, and by, we hope, a worthy adversary. Listen to the piercing screams now rending the intellectual vacuum of the left. A vacuum created, incidentally, by the leftist educationists themselves, - with their tools of progressive togetherness, their mechanical averaging of all students to the level of the lowest common denominator, (it was not common men who made America great) - with their classes in how to get along with people, group adjustment, and other collectivist and nihilistic phantasmagoria.

The John Birch Society stands proudly on the principle that all men are not created equal, except before GOD and before the LAW!

We are individualists and proud to so state. We stand ready to provide the leadership under God, which we believe is so sadly lacking in this country, or for that matter, in the world today.

We intend to lead by attraction -- and by example to all those who will follow voluntarily. We will never lead by coercion and enforced dictation, as we consider these to be the methods of our adversaries towards their socialistic ends. - - - -

We hope to attract intelligent, reasoning citizens to our cause.

Thank you most sincerely for the unusual opportunity to talk to you.

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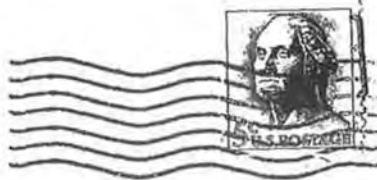
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TO THE CITIZENS OF KENTUCKY:

After three years of dedication in fighting communism in Kentucky, I have prepared a 128 page book entitled, "COMMUNISM IN KENTUCKY".

It is the unprecedented story of how Kentuckians were struck from within by communism in 1960 on the state and local levels and how you will be struck again in 1964-65.

The book is documented with federal records, federal and state court trials and hearings, congressional committee records, periodicals and newspaper accounts in support of the statements made.

The book tells of the communist cells in Kentucky at Louisville, Lexington and Covington.

The book relates how the Courier-Journal monopoly press has been infiltrated with communists; and, in addition, its editorial policy is compared on 21 straight security points with the pro-communist policy-line in this country, with the result that it is not only an 'infiltrated' monopoly press, but 'advocates' the pro-communist policy.

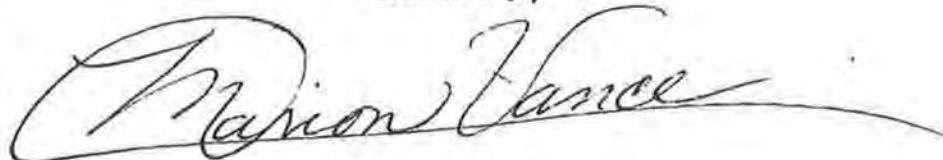
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The book is "A GUIDE FOR KENTUCKIANS TO DETECT THE COMMUNIST BLUEPRINT FROM WITHIN".

The purpose of the book is to educate and alert Kentuckians, as Kentucky is one of the prime targets of the communist international. It gives the reader the opportunity to understand the blueprint as it is being executed in Kentucky, which otherwise if unknown by the reader, he would be a 'casualty' from the beginning of the communist conspiracy to destroy from within by infiltration and indoctrination.

The price is \$1.00 which includes postage and sales tax.  
Write: Marion Vance, Glasgow, Kentucky.

Sincerely,



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# The Case Against CARL and ANNE BRADEN



## BRADENS EXPOSED! *Are you aware of the link between these identified Communists and Sargent Shriver's War on Poverty?*

Carl Braden was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1914 in the Portland section of that city. His mother was a devout Catholic, his Father, an agnostic and a socialist. Once the elder Braden said, "Well, it seems to me that Jesus Christ was a socialist." That settled the matter for him, and Carl, too. Eugene Debs (founder, Socialist Party, USA) became his idol, and in 1936, Carl began his work in the movement. In 1947 he met his second wife, Anne, who was born in Louisville and raised in Alabama. They were both employed by Barry Bingham, owner of the *Courier-Journal* and *Louisville Times*.

The Bradens are directors of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) which has been cited eight times as Communist or subversive.<sup>1,2,9</sup> She is editor of the *Southern Patriot*, a subversive monthly publication.<sup>1,4,9</sup> The purpose herein is to give a sample of the vast scope of their activities, the numerous Communist fronts with which they function and the lateness of the hour to awaken America to their treachery. All facts stated can be documented.

### 1954

May 10. Carl Braden buys a house in Shively (South Louisville) in an all-white neighborhood. He turns the key over to Andrew Wade IV,\* a Negro.

\*They had both been members in the Progressive Party.

June 27. A bomb explodes in the Wade home at 12:30 AM. The Wades are on the front porch at the time. The Bradens accuse the neighbors of racial bigotry and the crime.

August. Grand jury indicts Carl Braden for voting more than once in the recent election.<sup>7</sup>

September 15. Grand jury begins to investigate the bombing of the Wade home. Anne Braden refuses to answer the questions of the Commonwealth's Attorney if she had been a member of the Civil Rights Congress, the Labor Council for Negro Rights, League of American Writers, National Negro Labor Congress, or the Communist Party.

September 16. The *Courier-Journal* applauds the Bradens for not answering questions at the grand jury investigation. The editorial calls it a witch hunt and McCarthyism.

October 1. The Bradens and four others are indicted for sedition.

November 29. Carl Braden's trial begins. It will last 13 days. The prosecution will present books, pamphlets, and propaganda of the Communist Party found in the Braden home. The prosecution will also link him with several Communist fronts. The high point of the trial will be the testimony of two ex-Communists, Manning Johnson and Leonard Patterson, both Negroes. (Johnson will

later meet a fatal accident. This case will not be solved.)

December 12. FBI agent Alberta Ahearn is surfaced from the Communist Party. She had been recruited into the party by Anne Braden. She testifies that she was a member of the same cell as Carl Braden. Alberta Ahearn will later testify before a senate committee that Braden is Southern district organizer for the Communist Party.

December 13. Carl Braden convicted of sedition. Sentence: 15 years in prison and \$5,000 fine.

December 14. Barry Bingham states in the *Courier-Journal* that Carl Braden's employment at the newspaper has now ended.<sup>3</sup>

December 18. Anne Braden attends party in New York to raise legal funds.

Many groups will give aid: The Episcopal League for Social Action, Methodist Fed. for Social Action, United Auto Workers, International Longshoremen & Warehousemen's Union, United Electrical Workers, Int'l. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, Bill of Rights Fund, Nat'l Lawyers Guild, virtually every left wing political organization in the U.S., the Socialist Party, National Guardian, Monthly Review, the Militant, and the Daily Worker. (7 page 279) Also the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC), a Communist front,<sup>2</sup> and the American Civil Liberties Union.

In April '56 the Supreme Court will rule that the states' sedition laws are null and void. By this decision Kentucky will no longer have the right to defend itself from treason; only the federal government will have this right. Carl Braden's conviction will be overturned, but the case will not be retried in federal court.

## 1957

May 13. *Daily Worker* headline reads, "Announce Formation of United Socialist Forum." Carl Braden is a charter member.<sup>8</sup>

December 5, 1958. Carl Braden writes a letter stating:

"If we get our facts wrong, then we must admit it and correct them. Getting facts wrong is not half so damaging as having Roy Wilkins tell our supporters in New York that Anne's and my employment by SCEF was part of a grand design by the Communist Party to revive SCEF as a vehicle in the South; and that the Party did this as part of its effort to stir up trouble in the South . . ."<sup>9</sup>

October 7, 1959. Anne Braden writes a letter to Martin Luther King\*.<sup>10</sup>

\*There is much evidence linking the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and the Bradens with King. We have many letters written one to the other. The Louisiana Committee on Un-American Activities reports that the Bradens write the news releases, etc., for SCLC, because the Bradens are "highly skilled professional propagandists."

November 1960. Anne Braden's *Southern Patriot* praises Frank Wilkinson, an identified Communist, for his efforts to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities.\*

\*Carl Braden is national sponsor of the Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

November 4, 1960. Clemency is called for Carl Braden\* in a letter to friends of the SCEF asking for money. This will be known as the "Braden Freedom Fund."

\*Braden had been convicted for contempt of Congress in 1958 and the Court had upheld the conviction. Carl Braden will serve out a year's sentence in the Federal penitentiary (along with Frank Wilkinson).

## 1961

April 28. Carl Braden—one of the main speakers at a Fair Play for Cuba banquet in New York.<sup>2</sup> Fair Play . . . had paid Braden's expenses to come to the banquet. He, along with Robert F. Williams\*, is a national officer of Fair Play for Cuba.

\*Robert F. Williams, a Monroe, N.C. Negro is wanted for kidnapping and extortion. In 1961, he will flee to Cuba. He will broadcast into the United States his program of Black revolution and will publish the Crusader.

May 2. M. L. King is quoted in the *Atlanta Journal*: "Carl Braden was called before the House Committee . . . simply for his integration activities. We see the rise of McCarthyism in the South again because all other weapons of the segregationists have failed."

October. Anne Braden's *Southern Patriot* defends Robert F. Williams' activities during racial violence in Monroe, N.C. The article is simply open, public support for a well-identified Communist propagandist.<sup>4</sup>

## 1962

March 22. Anne Braden writes a

SCEF official concerning the operation of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC or Snick). "It is significant that one Communist should write another on the details of SNCC." As a matter of fact, this letter and many others show SCEF's [the Bradens] management of the SNCC.<sup>5</sup>

April 9. *The National Guardian* (a Communist publication) lists Conrad Lynn\* as a member of the Committee for Friendly Relations With Cuba.<sup>6</sup>

\*Lynn is one of Braden's attorneys.<sup>8</sup> He and Braden are members of ECLC,<sup>7</sup> whose letterhead bears the name "Mrs. Anne Braden."

Conrad Lynn and Robert F. Williams have constructed the Cuban "underground railroad" for Fidel Castro. They are able to get people in and out of the U.S. without passports and bypassing customs. Lynn is associated with Dr. Corliss Lamont. Both are contributors to SCEF and are intimately connected with the Bradens. Both are positively identified Communists. Lamont is also Carl Braden's connection with Lee Harvey Oswald. Note that all three, Braden, Lamont, and Oswald, are members of Fair Play for Cuba. Oswald receives his literature from Corliss Lamont. Most significant is the joint leadership in both organizations on a national level by an identified Communist, namely Carl Braden." (5, pages 20-24)

December 11. Carl Braden writes letter to identified Communist, James Dombrowski, showing he has knowledge of the demonstrations and violence that will break out the next day in Jackson, Mississippi by SNCC.<sup>8</sup>

## 1963

February. R. F. Williams' lengthy book, *Negroes With Guns*\*, advocating violence and black revolution and the destruction of the U.S., receives a favorable review by Anne Braden.<sup>10</sup>

\*Preface of the book is by M. L. King, Jr.

February 8. Report states that R. F. Williams operated in "Castro's Network in the U.S." until he fled to Cuba.<sup>2</sup>

March 23. Robert Williams writes letter to Carl Braden from the "government-in-exile" headquarters in Havana, Cuba. "Do you ever get our program *Radio Free Dixie*? We are able to reach a number of interested people in the fight there."<sup>11</sup> The following is an excerpt of a Radio Free Dixie transcript by Williams showing contempt for President Kennedy.

"Greetings my brothers and sisters: The Supreme Court decision declaring segregation in public schools unconstitutional was nothing more than the legalization of the Afro-American's right to wrest from his oppressor the rights the racist U.S. Government secures for its white citizens . . ."

What is the position of the U.S. government . . . of defending the rights of black people? . . . What is the position of Slick John Kennedy, who flew down to Florida to welcome released Cuban prisoners of war who had ruthlessly murdered women and children? Yes, Slick John had only praise for those thugs!

Mrs. Kennedy said that she hopes that her children will grow up to be as courageous as those thug murderers who were sponsored by Kennedy to rain death and destruction on Cuban mothers and babies. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were all for these cold-blooded

Let our people not be fooled by the deceptive actions of Slick John in Birmingham . . . The fact of the matter is that Kennedy didn't bother to do much as raise an eyebrow while brutal racist cops were treating Negroes worse than dogs. He was silent as a mommy's mammies when little girls were being battered and maimed by racist cops and their fellow dogs. Pregnant women were kicked in their pregnant stomachs as they were beaten to the ground by heathen cops. School girls were blasted with shot guns . . . and Slick John remained motionless as a heap of dung. And what prompted your men Slick John to get off his . . . and send troops to Birmingham? The fact is that Slick John is a racist soy and he just couldn't stand to see white heads being cracked . . .

Violence must become a two-way proposition . . . or our race will be wiped out . . . Don't let us think that Mr. Charlie [contemptuous synonym for White Man] is too much of a Christian to stoop so low! We must throw his cities into turmoil. We must be willing . . . to kill for freedom. With a thunderous voice, let our battle cry be heard around the world: Freedom now or death!!!"

April. Lee Harvey Oswald goes to New Orleans. Makes contacts with Communist Party, Socialist Workers Party, and Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

May 25, 1963. SCEF memo from Bradens show details of the relationship between SCEF, SNCC, and the Communist training school in Tennessee, the Highlander Folk School.

September 10. Conrad Lynn tells the Bradens he is setting up the "Freedom Now Party." It will be set up along Trotskyite lines.\* It is very anti-Kennedy and pro-Castro.<sup>5</sup>

\*Trotskyite means militant or radical Communist line as practiced in Red China by the Red Guards.

October 4. West End Community Council of Louisville (WECC) incorporates and receives "War on Poverty" funds. The Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) says Anne Braden is on the executive committee. October 4. Police raid SCEF headquarters in New Orleans. All records are confiscated and the executive director and treasurer are charged with violation of the state's subversive and communist control act.

November 22. President John Kennedy assassinated.

November 26. The Communist Worker calls for an investigation of the assassination by a special commission to be headed by Earl Warren.

November 27. The Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities issues a new report containing this statement about the important function of the SCEF: [sic] "The Fair Play for Cuba Committee, the Freedom Now Party, The Monroe Defense Committee, and the Black

Muslims are all connected to the Communist Party. There is good solid proof of this. This is characteristic of the radical, or Trotskyite teaching of the Communists. This has already produced horrible results in the U.S., such as Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin of President Kennedy, was a Fair Play . . . organizer, and a Moscow trained agent who carried out the murder of the President. Note that the SCEF has clear connections with all four of these groups, primarily through the Bradens . . .<sup>15</sup>

**November 29.** President Johnson appoints the Warren Commission.

## 1965

**July 26.** *Militant*, the subversive publication of the Socialist Worker's Party, praises Anne Braden's book, "The Southern Freedom Movement in Perspective."<sup>11</sup>

**August 18.** Rioting begins in Watts. Fifty square miles will be burned, and 35 people will be killed.

**August 19.** Red Chinese newspaper praises the Spartacist League pamphlets in Watts. The Chinese-Communists oriented Spartacists\* are in ultimate control of Watts.<sup>9</sup>

\*Is Carl Braden connected with the Spartacist League? See Sept. 30, '68.

**August 27.** Six-day conference convenes at Methodist campground, Clearlake, Iowa, supposedly under control of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

**August 29.** Anne Braden appears on "Black Power" panel at Clearlake conference. Literature at the conference down-grades the capitalist system and eulogizes Communism. It plots the race riots in America.

**September 11.** West End Community Council (WECC) is awarded \$28,000 grant—90% from OEO, and 10% from the Louisville city government.

**September 13.** *Militant* gives Anne Braden's report on the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union.<sup>11</sup>

## 1966

**February.** Bradens move Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) headquarters to Louisville, 3210 W. Broadway.

**July 31.** The communist *Worker* quotes Anne Braden "perhaps the best informed and most articulate writer in the nation on the subject of the Freedom Movement," in an article on the effectiveness of the SNCC and Black Panther Party in local elections in the South.<sup>8</sup>

**August.** This quote appears in Anne Braden's *Southern Patriot*: "America owes a bill that she must pay. The bill must be paid even if it means blood. If Americans will not yield to non-violence, then they are going to have to deal with nationalists and Black Power."<sup>10</sup>

**August 14.** Chicago riots. Spartacists pass out leaflets saying, *Get the cops out.*<sup>9</sup>

**September 30-October 1.** Anne Braden lectures at the Southern organizer's workshop\* in New Orleans, which is financed by the SCEF.

\*The workshop is under the auspices of the New Orleans Movement to end the war in Vietnam (also known as the Movement for a Democratic Society—MDS). It is composed of the overlapping memberships of the Progressive Labor Party, SCEF, and the Spartacist League. Also connected is the Socialist Worker's Party. The workshop organizations are subversive and interlocked, and the Bradens are involved with all of them.<sup>9</sup>

**October.** WECC receives \$24,000 including funds from the Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ.

**October 20.** The Bradens attend Birmingham conference devoted to the theme of land redistribution.

**November 13.** The communist *Worker* presents the SOEF resolution praising Stokley Carmichael.

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**February 24.** Sargent Shriver assures Congressman Snyder that Mrs. Carl Braden is not a member of the West End Community Council (WECC).

**March 8.** The Louisville and Jefferson County Community Action Commission informs Congressman Snyder that Mrs. Braden IS a member of the WECC.

**April 6.** Bradens meet with Al and Margaret McSurely, Stokley Carmichael, and Rap Brown at Methodist Board of Evangelism in Nashville. Also involved is the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC).<sup>3</sup>

**April 8.** Riots break out in Nashville—controlled by Snick and others.<sup>3</sup>

**April 10.** Demonstrations in Louisville pick up after aldermen reject forced housing law.

**April 14.** It is announced that "more technicians from SCLC" are being trucked to Louisville to help "crack local resistance."

**April 18.** Organizers lead an "open housing" march in defiance of court order. From every indication, the demonstrations are also coordinated and subsidized to some degree with federal funds routed through the "poverty" program. That would be the WECC.

**May 1.** Anne Braden, et al, jailed for violating court order.

**May.** A strong anti-Communist statement is drawn up for WECC board. Anne Braden does not sign.

**June.** Spartacist League article, "Black & Red—Class Struggle Road To Negro Freedom," calls for a victory of the world revolution and the destruction of Yankee imperialism.

It says "That black workers, the most militant of the U.S. working class, become infused with a revolutionary socialist perspective and that Negroes play a vital role in world revolution."<sup>9</sup>

**July 17.** Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) convenes in Ann Arbor, Michigan. They plan to blow up the homes of policemen, continue to infiltrate the factories, and to continue to organize the people in Appalachia into *Community groups* toward their militant revolutionary goal. Anne Braden is scheduled to address the convention on the 22nd.

**July 31.** Meeting held in Nashville to round up delegates for National Conference on New Politics (NCNP) convention to be held in Chicago. Among those in attendance are the ACLU, SSOC, and some VISTA and OEO field workers.

**August 5.** Meetings held in Louisville to round up delegates for NCNP. They include SCEF officials, Vietnam Summer, OEO workers, and the WECC. They ask for material on "New Politics."

**August 8.** Rounding up delegates to NCNP convention: Pikeville, Ky. with Al and Margaret McSurely and other poverty workers. McSurely will send the call to the *community groups* now organized all over his area and down into Virginia. New Politics and its relationship to mountain whites is discussed.

**August 31.** Several hundred known Communists are reported in attendance at the National Conference for New Politics (NCNP). Was Carl Braden there? Yes.

**September.** Movement for a Democratic Society (MDS) newsletter advertises:

### "Commie Propaganda"

The following subversive & un-American literature is available from MDS:

1. An outline history of Vietnam
2. New Left notes
3. The role of the southern radical & the American New Left (Position papers from the SSOC membership convention)
4. Towards a Student Syndicalist Movement (SDS).<sup>12</sup>

**September 6.** Bradens' names appear on letterhead as sponsors of one of the oldest Communist fronts, American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

**September 11.** Bradens indicted for

sedition in Pike County, Kentucky. September 12. Bradens are arrested in Pike County.

**October.** Anne Braden's *Southern Patriot* says, "Unrest is growing in Pike County . . . In a number of protests which have not [YET] been linked together, the people are rebelling against the conditions under which they live, and the people who cause them . . . But the protests are symptoms of real unrest— . . . they add up to the beginnings of a revolution against the people who rule Pike County."<sup>10</sup>

**October.** "The SCEF has more than trebled its staff . . . and is intensifying its program to reach and organize a movement of black and white together in the Deep South."<sup>11</sup>

**October.** MDS announces a new publication, *Copkiller*, \$1.00/issue, address: Copkiller, Box —, New Orleans.<sup>12</sup>

**October 21.** Carl Braden leads anti-Vietnam demonstration in Louisville.

**October 24.** The communist *Worker* praises the federal court decision killing the criminal syndicalism law of Kentucky under which the Bradens were arrested.<sup>8</sup>

**November 16.** Robert F. Williams' *Crusader* is received by mail from Peking, China directly to all parts of the U.S. It calls for organized urban black guerrilla warfare. It discusses the black power bomb. It lays in detail the tactics for the forth-coming "civil war."

**November 16.** The SCEF announces its great success and asks for huge contributions to enlarge its "organizing activities."

**November 17.** Pikeville, Ky. is se-

lected to receive federal funds in the "model cities" program. Who will get their hands on this money? **The Pike County Grand Jury has charged the Bradens and McSurelys with sedition.** The grand jury found that: "A well organized and well financed effort is being made to promote and spread the communistic theory of the violent and forceful overthrow of the government . . . ; communist organizers have been sent to Pike County by radical organizations which have paid them, supported them, furnished them with printed propaganda materials, controlled them and directed their work; some employees of the Appalachian Volunteers and other federally financed anti-poverty programs have collaborated and cooperated with known communist organizers . . . Communist organizers have attempted . . . to promote their beliefs among our school children by infiltrating our local schools . . . ; communist organizers are (forming) armed groups to be known as 'Red Guards' and through which the actual forceful overthrow of the local government would be accomplished . . . we condemn such efforts being directly or indirectly supported by Tax money." (Ref.: Pike Co. Grand Jury Report)

## CONCLUSIONS

Since TACT compiled these samples of their activities, the Bradens have expanded their operations into campus disorders and the organizations of "peace" fronts and draft resisters' fronts. As we have said the hour is late. Therefore, TACT calls for action.

TACT calls for a public demand for the establishment of a Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities in Kentucky.

FBI agent Lola Belle Holmes said in Louisville, "TACT is having a tremendous effect on the people throughout the country, because it's bringing the truth to the people—the connection of civil turmoil and the Communist Conspiracy. It is explaining that we can have civil rights without turmoil. The people are hungry for the information which TACT is bringing to the local communities."

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